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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

A convention of independent cigar dealers is to be held in Chicago January 15th. —— The Seaboard Air Line has contracted for 1,000 freight cars, to be delivered before next summer. —— A negro and his wife reported to have been lynched near Greenwood, S. C. —— A woman near Hodges, S. C., was shot and killed by a negro man. —— It is feared that young oranges trees in Florida have been killed or badly hurt by the cold weather. —— In a train wreck on the Illinois Central three men were killed and two injured. —— The bank at Union, Mo., was robbed last night of $15,000. —— Twenty-five persons were killed and many more injured in a collision of trains on the Grand Trunk railroad, Ontario. —— Nine men killed and others injured by a snow slide, British Columbia. ——Vice President Walker D. Hines, of the L. & N. R. R. Co., at yesterday's session of the American Economic Association discussed the matter of legislative regulation of railroad rates. ——N. Y. markets: Money on call firm at 6 per cent; cotton, holiday; flour steady; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red 84c; corn—spot steady, No. 2 65; oats—spot firm, No. 2 38@38½c; rosin steady, strained common to good $1.85@1.90; spirits turpentine steady at 55@55½.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 27

Meteorological data for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 P. M.:

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 20 degrees 8 P. M., 30 degrees: maximum, 35 degrees; minimum, 19 degrees; mean, 27 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month to date, 3.26.

Stage of water in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. Friday, 8.6 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—For North Carolina: Fair, continued cold Sunday; Monday increasing cloudiness and not so cold, probably rain at night; variable winds.

Port Almanac---December 28.

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.53 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 33 M.
High Water at Southport	7.22 P. M.
High Water Wilmington	9.52 P. M.

The great watchmaking town in Switzerland is Chaux-de-Fonds, which turns out 300,000 watches a year, worth about $7,000,000.

French boot and shoe makers have raised their prices, on account they say, of American competition. Maybe that is the French way. In this country they do precisely the reverse.

In Utah the drug stores are not allowed to sell more than five gallons of liquor at a time. If that is not enough for a fellow to fill up on all he has to do is go outside, shake up and come again.

A Denver, Col., dispatch informs us that 9,000 Boers are preparing to trek to America and will settle in Colorado, New Mexico and Texas. It looks as if the Boers are destined to become another "scattered nation."

Mrs. Mary Nixon, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., had her 102d birthday party on Christmas. A lot of her children, grand-children and sixteen great grand-nieces helped her celebrate and wished her many happy returns.

Col. Jack Chin has started a new industry in Kentucky. He has established a fox incubating and hound incubating farm. On one side of the farm he raises foxes and on the other side hounds, with nothing but a wire fence between.

The Frick Coke Company of Pennsylvania has made a voluntary increase of eight per cent. in the wages of its 20,000 employes, which amounts in the aggregate to $1,600,000 in the year. That's better than waiting for and wrestling with strikes.

T. T. Fortune, a New York negro, sent on an investigating expedition to Hawaii and the Philippines, is quoted as saying that the "importation of the true negro will be the solution of the labor problem." Wonder if Fortune's "Afro-American" and his "true negro" is one and the same solver?

The inventive genius in which the American leads all other people still holds its own. The present year has been a record breaker, the number of patents granted exceeding that of any previous year. Of the patents issued 999 were to residents of England and 3[illegible] residents of Germany.

The Augusta Ga., *Chronicle* sees no good reason why so much money should be spent in elections for Mayor of that city. Perhaps not, but then an election without the stimulus of more or less cash wouldn't be nearly so exhilarating. That's about all some people ever get out of them.

CHRISTMAS TREES GALORE.

Dates of Nearly All the Sunday School Festivals This Week—Three for Tuesday Night.

A stone cannot now be thrown without hitting a Sunday school Christmas tree and this makes the little folks happy. Four of these trees have already been held—by the Sunday schools, of St. Paul's Lutheran, St. James Episcopal, Bladen street Methodist and Immanuel Presbyterian churches—but this week will bring forth ithe great remainder.

To-morrow night the Sunday school of St. Matthew's English Lutheran church will hold their Xmas festival and tree, instead of Tuesday evening as previously appointed. There will be a fine programme of music, recitations, etc.

The banner night of the week will be Tuesday, as then the schools of Grace M. E. Church, St. Andrew's Presbyterian church and Brooklyn Baptist church will celebrate with a tree. Grace church will have its tree in the upstairs of the City Hall.

The First Baptist church Sunday school will have its tree Wednesday night, and as this will be New Year's eve a fine opportunity will be afforded to see the death of the old and the birth of the new year. The school of Fifth street Methodist church will very likely have its tree the same night.

The date for the tree of Market street Methodist church's Sunday school has not been decided upon.

LOCAL DOTS.

— A supply of the new issue of the 13-cent stamps has been received at the postoffice.

— The annual brilliant dance of the Assembly will take place Thursday night, January 23d.

— For a Christmas gift the fire boys presented popular Chief Schnibben with a very handsome couch.

— The tug *Alexander Jones* left Southport yesterday with the schooner *Douglass* in tow, bound for New York.

— A boy who is experienced in feeding job presses may secure employment by immediate application at the STAR office.

— The County Commissioners will meet some day during the early part of the week to pass on applications to sell liquor.

— "Turn Over a New Leaf and Write the Record of An Unspotted Life" will be Dr. Blackwell's theme at the First Baptist Church to-night.

— A competent and experienced feeder for Job Presses can secure employment by immediate application at the STAR office. Liberal wages paid.

— A press dispatch to the STAR last night says the steamer *City of Fayetteville*, in tow of the tug *H. M. C. Smith*, arrived at Beaufort, S. C., yesterday.

— The little girl who came to the city from Delgado Friday afternoon to attend the Elks' Christmas tree and became lost, was found late in the night and returned safely home.

— Rev. Chas. M. Bishop, D. D., of St. Joseph, Mo., will preach at Grace Methodist Church this morning at 11 o'clock. His reputation is a guarantee that his sermon will be a good one.

— In the police court yesterday Westley Watson, colored, was bound over to the higher tribunal for stealing an overcoat from an Assyrian. A white man was sent to the roads for an assault.

— The 5 o'clock meeting for men at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon will be addressed by Rev. A. D. McClure. His subject will be "Luxurious Living." All men are cordially invited to be present.

"PECK'S BAD BOY."

Old and Young's Delight at the Academy of Music Next Saturday.

Next Saturday for two performances, matinee and night, the Academy will offer a big revival of the evergreen "Peck's Bad Boy." The company presenting this popular play is a strong one and consequently good performances may be expected. Regardless of the fact that the organization is a good one and a "one nighter," the prices will be greatly reduced. The matinee will, no doubt, attract the children by the hundreds. This performance will be given with as much pains as the night's, with the orchestra, etc.

Most people know that "Peck's Bad Boy" is a potpourri of funny incidents, brilliant repartee and ludicrous situations. Some more definite information, however, might be interesting. The production is the apotheosis of modern comedy. It is cleverly arranged, and is as devoid of a plot as a church stew is of oysters, and the incidents recur with such startling rapidity as to cause continuous laughter.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

N. F. Parker—Thanks.
Jas. M. Hall—A suggestion.
At Rehders'—Special offering.
Orion Lodge, I. O. O. F.—Notice.
Wm. E. Worth & Co.—Lump coal.
S. & B. Solomon—Damaged calico.
People's Savings Bank—January 2d.
G. R. French & Sons—A happy new year to you.
Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Modern lighting.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

J. W. Smith—Notice.
Wanted—Meat cutter.
Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co.—Welsbach drop lights.

ABOUT WILMINGTON.

Mayor Waddell Writes to the Manufacturers' Record of Its Progress.

IN THE CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

Forty-Odd Other Mayors Tell of the South's Prosperity — The Record Calls Attention to Work of Our Chamber of Commerce.

The business men of Wilmington will find the Christmas issue of the *Manufacturers' Record* of special interest, as it contains much about the progress and prosperity of the South. Letters from almost fifty mayors are published, each setting forth the advantages of his respective city. Mayor Waddell has a very interesting letter, as follows:

"It is a fact which cannot be denied, and which every business man in this city will testify to, that the general business and industrial progress and outlook here is better in every way than ever before. The *Manufacturers' Record* publishes every new enterprise in the South, and has given those recently established in and around Wilmington, but, of course, the mere mention of these can convey no just idea of the real advance industrially and commercially, or of the quickened spirit that prevails in business of every kind. I have been told by returning persons who lived or visited here prior to November, 10, 1898 (from which we date our new era), that they hardly recognized the place as the same, so great has been the improvement in development and in the spirit of the people.

"The bank deposits are growing rapidly, labor is fully employed, the volume of business steadily increases, and buildings are multiplying; railroad facilities and steamboat traffic are larger, and foreign shipments are greater. There is not and never has been any "boom," but there is a steady growth and a healthy one. The most recent enterprise in which our "live" Chamber of Commerce is interesting itself is a large tobacco warehouse, and a crusade among the farmers of adjoining counties in behalf of tobacco planting, which will be something new, except in a small way, in this region. The recent removal of the offices of the Plant system to headquarters here of the Atlantic Coast Line has added to the social and business life also. But I feel I am exceeding my allotted space."

The *Record* says that the financial, industrial and commercial health of its cities is one of the surest indications of the prosperity of the South during the past year and that Wilmington, N. C., where, under the auspices of a live chamber of commerce, is being made a crusade among the farmers for the encouragement of tobacco culture is among the cities whose merchants are feeling the effects of agricultural prosperity.

BIG SUCCESS FINANCIALLY.

This Christmas Was a Record Smasher for All Businesses.

That Christmas, 1902, was a big artistic success in Wilmington everyone knows well, so it only remains to add that it was a great success financially. Everybody seemed to have a sufficiency of the blessings of this world and records show that money was spent quite lavishly.

All the merchants report big business and some say their sales were away ahead of many a previous year. The trade, too, was neither spasmodic nor troublesome to handle, but on the contrary was steady and in most cases rapid, although money was spent judiciously.

The business done by the Southern Express Company was enormous and far in excess of last year. The receipts were about $300 more. The number of outside vehicles employed to deliver packages, aside from the regular wagons, was about double.

The mail was exceedingly heavy, though in actual weight it was about the same as last year.

All this goes to show that Wilmington is prosperous and advancing year by year.

TWO FIRES YESTERDAY.

They Occurred in the Afternoon the Same Half Hour.

There were two fires yesterday afternoon and although they were of little consequence they were quite sufficient to keep the fire laddies busy, as both happened within the same half hour and were located at opposite ends of the city.

Fire No. 1 was caused by a spark from a blazing chimney falling on the roof of a one-story frame dwelling owned and occupied by Ben Barge, colored, 112 South Twelfth street. The damage was nominal. The alarm was sounded at precisely 2:32 o'clock from box 54, Twelfth and Market streets.

The other fire occurred at 3 o'clock, an alarm being "turned in" from box 17, Fifth and Nixon streets, and was at the house of a colored woman named Boyd, No. 510 Nixon street. A defective flue was the cause. About $25 damage was done, covered by insurance with Col. Walker Taylor and Messrs. J. H. Boatwright & Son.

To Attend the Funeral.

Live Oak Camp of Woodmen of the World and Orion Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows will go down to Southport this morning to attend the funeral of their late brother, Engineer J. M. C. Fisher. Many other friends of the deceased will also go down. The steamer *Wilmington* will leave the city at 10 o'clock this morning.

I will make sittings until Saturday, January 3rd. Will be open New Year's day. Paul M. Taylor. †

DANCE AT POINT CASWELL.

Many Wilmington People Attended the Elegant Affair Friday Night and Were Royally Entertained.

Quite a number of Wilmington folks attended the Christmas german at Point Caswell Friday night. It was given by the young gentlemen of that place and proved to be an affair of much elegance and of much pleasure.

The large hall, where the dance took place, was a scene of great loveliness, for, aside from the radiant sight furnished by the handsomely gowned ladies and their gallant escorts, it was profusely decorated with ferns, pot plants and flowers. During a cessation of the festivities an elaborate repast was served.

The german was gracefully led by Mr. Lee Simpson, of Point Caswell, and Miss Camilla King, of South Carolina, who is a Wilmington visitor.

Among the guests present from here were Mrs. J. L. Paddison, Misses Nell Paddison, Esther Alexander, Mary O'Hanlon and Maud Paddison, and Mr. Frank Alexander.

The chaperones of the delightful occasion were Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Johnson, Burgaw; Mrs. J. C. Paddison, South Carolina; Mrs. Irene Stewart, Mt. Airy; Mrs. James Thompson, South Carolina; Capt. and Mrs. J. C. Black, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Paddison and Mrs. Peterson, Point Caswell.

The music was furnished by an orchestra from Raleigh and the ball room decorations were made by a Richmond florist.

MLLE. DE LUSSAN'S RECITAL.

It Will be a Grand Event to the Music-Loving People.

The recital of the celebrated singer Mlle. Zelie de Lussan at the Young Men's Christian Association Saturday night, January 10th, is being eagerly expected by Wilmington's music loving public. Although Mlle. de Lussan is known in this country only as an opera singer, she brings a large and varied repertorrie of songs to her concert work, and her programme will be made up, aside from arias from her famous operatic roles, of songs by French, Italian, English and American composers, all sung in the original language in which they were written. Her recital promises to be one of the important social events of the season.

The members of the Star Course will have the privilege of purchasing reserved seats at a special rate of $1.00 while non-members of the Star Course will pay $1.50. General admission will also be $1.50. In order to secure seats for the special rate of $1.00, members of the Star Course must reserve their seats at DeRoset's book store, as a ticket will not be sold at the door for less than $1.50.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. C. L. Taylor is in Fayetteville.

— Mr. Geo. Scott is visiting in Newbern.

— Mr. Lee Holmes has returned from Fayetteville.

— Miss Mildred Davis has gone on a visit to Chapel Hill.

— Mr. J. C. Higgins leaves today for Jacksonville, Fla., on business.

— Mr. Niell McLaurin leaves this afternoon for Florence on railroad business.

— Mr. James H. Taylor, Jr., returned yesterday from a week's visit to Charlotte.

— Miss Nessie Wootten and Miss Nellie Cotchett left yesterday to visit friends in Tarboro.

— Editor C. Ed Taylor, of the Southport *Standard*, was in the city yesterday on his way home.

— Miss Mabel and Mr. Dixie Bowler are spending the holidays with Rev. and Mrs. Bumbus, at New Bern.

— Mr. J. G. Hall, an old Wilmington boy, now located at Mehia, Texas, who has been spending the Xmas holidays here, returns home today.

— Mr. Frank H. Bagg, a Wilmington boy, now with the South Carolina Cotton Oil Co., at Columbia, S. C., will leave this afternoon, having spent the holidays here with relatives and friends.

— Mrs. John Burkhimer and two little daughters, accompanied by Mrs. S. V. Burkhimer and Miss Hattie Burkhimer, will leave to-day for a visit to friends and relatives in Brunswick, Ga.

— Messrs. Eddie Higgins and Willie Grant, two young Wilmingtonians now at work in the Atlantic Coast Line shops at Florence, leave today, returning to work. They spent the holidays here with relatives.

Judge Peebles' First Court.

The next term of the Superior Court of New Hanover county, which will convene one week from to-morrow, will mark the debut of Judge Robert B. Peebles, of Northampton county, one of the newly elected Democratic judges. This term of court will be for the trial of criminal cases.

For Asthma use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by J. C. Shepard.

SOCIETY THIS WEEK.

It Will be One Big Round of Brilliant Dances, Commencing To-morrow Night.

MANY VISITORS WILL ATTEND

Four Germans and a Ball by Harmony Circle Will Make a Busy Week. Hollowbush's Orchestra Will Play for All.

The present week will be fraught with Yuletide pleasures of many descriptions. It will be a continuo go from morn until late at night and day in and day out. The number and brilliant character of the sociables will far exceed anything of previous years.

The ball will be started merrily on its course to-morrow night by the Terpsichorean German Club. The dance will be an exceedingly pleasureable one, which will take place at the Masonic Temple hall and will be led by Mr. Frank Shepard.

Tuesday evening the usual Xmas event of L'Ariose German Club will be given also at the Masonic Temple. It will, as of yore, be an affair of magnificence and will be attended by several scores of couples, which will include many visitors. The hall will be profusely and beautifully decorated for the occasion and each lady dancer will receive a handsome souvenir. The german will be led by Mr. Clayton Giles, Jr.

The dance of L'Agile Cotillon Club, Mr. O. A. Wiggins, Jr., leader, will be Wednesday night's society attraction. It will likewise be a big event and the Masonic Temple will again be the joyful scene.

None of the affairs will surpass in grandeur and pleasure the recherche reception Thursday evening by Harmony Circle. It will take place at the club's cozy and handsome home on Front street, near Princess.

Friday night Miss Cammie Lord will give a delightful german in honor of the pupils of her senior dancing class. The complimentary dance will be given in Germania Hall.

For all these dances, as well as for other events during the week, the superb Hollowbush Orchestra will play. They have arranged a "swell" programme of holiday music for each occasion.

Also this week the usual Sunday school and society Christmas trees will take place. There will be a festive tree about each night and some evenings there will be two.

ASSOCIATION OF ACADEMIES.

Annual Meeting in Raleigh — Officers Elected—A Lively Discussion.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 27.—The North Carolina Association of Academies completed its sixth annual session here this afternoon. A. F. Sams, of Cary High School, was elected president; Martin H. Holt, Oak Ridge, vice president; F. S. Aldridge, Trinity Park High School, secretary and treasurer.

There was a lively discussion over proposed compulsory education legislation, sentiment being divided. A resolution endorsing compulsory education when adequate school houses are provided was withdrawn in view of evident opposition.

It is probable the association will discontinue its December meetings, and meet during the summer with the State Teachers' Assembly.

By Telephone.

Hello!
Hello! Hello!
Is this the office of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company?
Yes!
What's this industrial insurance I hear so much about?
It's simply life and endowment insurance sold in small amounts, premiums payable weekly. It is sometimes called "Family Insurance."
How so?
Because all the healthy members of a family between the ages of one and seventy may be insured.
What's the premium on these industrial policies?
Five cents a week and upwards.
Any difference in the cost to male and females?
Not a bit.
Any extras required for initiation fee, admission charge extra, assessments, medical examinations, etc.?
Not a cent; only the payment of the fixed weekly premium.
I suppose policy-holders have to go to the office each week to pay?
No; the company sends an agent every week to the homes of the policy-holders.
Suppose a policy-holder moved?
If he tells us where he is going, another agent will call and collect at his new address, or he will be instructed how to pay.
How long after a person dies do you take to adjust his claim?
Right off—the company telegraphs me authority to make payment the day the proofs are received and approved at the home office.
A person don't have to die to get the amount of an Industrial Endowment policy does he?
No; the money is paid to him in person, in cash, at the end of his endowment term; or, if he dies meanwhile, it is paid to his representatives.
Suppose I want to give up after I have paid a number of years, do I lose what I have paid?
Well, you don't want to suppose that, if you can possibly hold it; but if you can't possibly pay, after you have been insured a prescribed time, a paid up policy, on which no further payment of premium is required, will be issued payable to you upon reaching a certain age or at death, according to the terms of the policy you originally selected.
Well, say—Keep off, Central—I ain't through—wait a minute—Hello, Metropolitan? Are there many companies doing that kind of insurance in this country?
Oh, yes, a dozen or so; but the Metropolitan is known the world over as the Leading Company of America.
You must be doing quite a business?
Well, a little; we've got over six million policies now, outstanding—about half of all the insurance policies in the United States.
Whew! How many people have you got working for you?
Over fourteen thousand.
You must pay quite a number of claims?
More than three hundred a day.
Have you paid any bonuses on these industrial policies—that is have you given back anything to the policy-holder out of what he paid you other than to pay the policy when it comes due?
Well, I should say so. We have distributed over three millions of dollars the last five years in that way.
Well, now, your business certainly looks inviting—just half a minute Central—Do you issue policies for large amounts?
Do we? We write policies for from $1,000 to $100,000 on individual lives in the Ordinary Department and policies for an even $500 in the Intermediate branch. No better policies are issued by any company in the world.
Want any agents?
Yes, sir! And they can have permanent and profitable employment.
Any chance for 'em to get ahead?
No better chance with any company. An honest, capable, industrious agent, who will study the business and acquire practical experience, can, by demonstrating his capacity, establish claim to the highest position in the field. It is within his certain reach.
What is your name?
Jacobs—Joseph Jacobs, and my office is Nos. 11 and 12 Masonic Temple building. Come in and see me.
Thanks! I'll do it. Central's getting mad and I'll have to ring off. Good-bye!
Good-bye and good luck. †

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

To Orion Lodge No. 67, I. O. O. F.

BROTHERS—You are requested to attend the funeral of our deceased brother, J. M. C. Fisher, which takes place at Southport this afternoon. The steamer "Wilmington" will leave the city at 10 o'clock this morning. Reduced rates. L. TATE BOWDEN, R. S.
dec 28 1t

A SUGGESTION

If you have a cough that is troubling you call up James M. Hall, the druggist, on N. E. corner Fifth and Castle streets, over either phone and he will send a twenty-five cent bottle of Comp Syrup of White Pine, which will quickly quiet that raw sore feeling in the throat. Just the thing for the children.

32 Doses 25 cents

dec 28 1t

What For Christmas?

That old puzzling question is up again. Read the answer in my window.

Fresh shipment Wileys' Chocolates and Bon Bons; none nicer.

HARDIN'S
Palace Pharmacy,
126 South Front Street.
dec 23 tf Call both 'Phones 55.

Important Notice.

We wish to inform our regular customers as well as the public at large that we have just received a consignment of Foreign Wines, which we offer to everybody at the following low price for a short time only:

Rhine Wine,	Vintage	1898,	per gal.,	$1.00
Port	" "	1900,	" "	1.00
Claret	" "	1900,	" "	1.00
Port	" "	1890,	" "	2.00

Samples FREE at store.
Best Patent Flour, O. B., per barrel $4.50.
Agent for celebrated Golden Irish Shad Netting.
Regular Hams 12c per pound.
JNO. H. KUCK,
Importer and Bottler.
No. 6 North Water St.
Bell 'Phone 185. no 2 tf

"El Capitan."

High quality 10c Cigar.

"CUBAN BLOSSOM."

No better 5c Cigar.

We guarantee the sale of these goods, so if not sold we take them back. We accept the risk, you get the gain. You are safe on a trade of that kind. If the goods did not have both quality and merit we would not talk so loud. Try them for

XMAS PRESENTS.
VOLLERS & HASHAGEN,
Wholesale Distributors.
dec 21 tf

To Our Friends

AND PATRONS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

We extend our hearty good cheer, and the Season's Good Greetings, with our sincere thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed upon us during the past year.

We cordially invite you to

Wear Our Shoes During 1903.

Respectfully,

Mercer & Evans Co.,
Same Old Place.
dec 28 tf

"THE BEST STORES IN THE WORLD ARE THE BEST LIGHTED STORES."

Modern Lighting

We are prepared to furnish the best and most up-to-date lights, both Gas and Electric.

WELSBACH LIGHTS.
WELSBACH DROP LIGHTS.
BRAY BURNERS.
GAS ARC LAMPS.
ENCLOSED ARC LIGHTS.
INCANDESCENT LIGHTS.
NER NST LIGTS.

(*The newest thing in Electric Lighting.*)

The days of Tallow Dips, Candles and Oil Lights are passing. In the 20th century they are out of date.

CONSOLIDATED RAILWAYS, LIGHT AND POWER CO.
dec 28 3t

THE SUPPLY OF HARD COAL IN THIS

City is about exhausted, and present outlook that it cannot be replenished before Spring. In the meantime we are prepared to supply you with the very best

BITUMINOUS LUMP COAL AT $5 PER TON,

Which is as cheap as cut wood at $2.50 per cord.

This coal is equally as good in every way as any Coal sold on this market.

'Phone your orders to us and they will be filled promptly.

Wm. E. Worth & Co.

Phones—Bell 94. Inter-State 146. dec 28 tf

Special Offering

— IN —

MEN AND BOYS'

Overcoats and Sweaters.

NEW LOT CARHART UNDERWEAR at

REHDER'S BIG DEPARTMENT STORE.

615, 617 and 619 North Fourth Street,
Car fare paid on purchases of $2.00 and over. dec 28 tf

One Price Marked in Plain Figures.

THANKS!

I desire to express my sincere thanks to my friends for the more than liberal patronage they have extended me during the past year, and with the hope that they have had a merry Christmas, wish them a happy and prosperous "New Year."

If any one has neglected to do their duty, Xmas, or wish to "reciprocate" New Year, I have a few "left overs" at a reduced price.

N. F. PARKER,
Furniture and Furniture Novelties, 111 Market St.
Bell 'Phone 613. Inter-State 421.
dec 28 tf

Liberal Terms to the Right People.

A Happy New Year to You!

One and all, of our many friends and patrons. We extend our best wishes for your health and prosperity for 1903, and solicit a continuation of your

SHOE TRADE,

Which we hope to merit by giving you the BEST SHOES for the least money.

GEO. R. FRENCH & SONS.
dec 28 tf

The Morning Star.

WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING DEC. 28.

OPINIONS OF NORTHERN AND WESTERN FARMERS.

In speaking yesterday of the future prospects of agriculture in this country we remarked that in view of the fact that the supply of public lands suitable for agriculture was about exhausted that with the advantages the South presents to the farmer and the certain demand there will be for farming lands, there is no reason why there should not be in the years to come a large immigration into this section.

There has been for some years an annually increasing movement of this kind, more noticeable in the Southwest and in the States which border on the Mississippi, because the Western people, from where the larger part of the immigration comes, know that section better than they do others, and because some of the railroads have established information bureaus which send out much printed matter descriptive of the country and the inducements offered to immigrants who desire to farm or engage in manufacturing or other industries. Much valuable advertising has also been done by the Western farmers who have settled in those States and have succeeded, in the letters they have written their friends, some of which are published in their home papers. The commercial and agricultural conventions which have been held in the South for some years past, composed largely of Northern and Western men, have also contributed much to draw attention to the South and the opportunities it offers to farmers and others.

The National Farmers' Congress recently met at Macon, Ga. In it were representative farmers from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas and other States. *The Southern Farm Magazine*, published in Baltimore, solicited the views of some of them as to their impressions of the South, and publishes a number of responses in the January issue, from weich we clip the following extracts as giving an idea of the favorable impression made upon the writers. We quote simply the gist of the letters from the advance sheet:

Mr. John Hamilton, secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, observing the vast amount of land capable of profitable cultivation, and arguing for a proper rotation of crops, writes: "The salvation of agriculture in the Southern States will come not from without, but from within. It must be effected largely by the men who already live on the land. The agencies that are to be most potent in aiding these land holders are: First, the agricultural college; second, the agricultural experiment station; third, the agricultural institution, and fourth, the agricultural journal. If these educational institutions are liberally supported and intelligently directed it will not be long before the Southern States will be practicing diversified farming, cheapening their methods of production, improving the fertility of their lands and adding greatly to the comfort and prosperity of their agricultural people. By these means there will be given all over the South visible demonstration of what the Southern States are capable of in the way of agriculture. The sight of this prosperity will, of itself, attract the better class of intelligent farmers from elsewhere, and the tide of immigration will be diverted from the great West to the milder climate and greater possibilities of the South."

Oliver Wilson, of Magnolia, Ill., whose opinion of Southern agriculture was changed by his trip, writes: "That agriculture has not reached its possibilities in the Southern States is apparent to the casual observer, but I find that better methods are being applied and a greater interest taken, and I believe there are many farmers in the North and West who are paying high rent, without even a hope of ever owning a farm in those sections, who would do well to investigate possibilities in the South where land is cheap and with proper culture may be brought up to a high state of cultivation, bringing profitable returns to its owner."

Mr. John W. Sahl, of Quincy, Ill., secretary of the Farmers' National Congress, will show his faith by his works. He writes: "The South does not know of its riches. It has but touches the hem of its resources. What I think of the South as a field fro investment is best shown by the fact that I purpose to invest in it all my surplus dollars from this time on.

Regarding the opportunities for farmers in the South the following views are expressed:

A. F. Strange, Walshville, Ill: "A soil which can be made profitable, with its low price and with the finest climate in the world, will appeal strongly to the debt-burdened farmer of the North, who can never get out of debt on account of the high price of his land."

F. E. Mudge, LaSalle, Ill: "You have good farm lands there cheap. We have good farmers here, with lands too high. We must come to the land.'

T. L. Roberts, Joppa, Ill: "I would advise any one who is seeking health, wealth and happiness to try the South, especially Florida, Georgia and Alabama. Of course, I am too old to farm, but the young and the middle-aged should go the South, as I think it far superior to the Western lands for all purposes."

Hiram Vaman, Verona, Wis. "If Northern farmers should invest in land in Georgia and work as they do here and in the West, I see no reason why the could not make a success."

There are good points in all of these extracts, but it should not require much time or effort to show the advantages of the South over any other section of the country as an agricultural section. It has the advantages of climate that no other section save Southern California has and that is an essential factor in successful farming, not only from the standpoint of remuneration, but in the lesser amount of hard labor and hardship. In the North and West the long Winters and the short period between ploughing and planting time and harvest makes constant and hard work necessary, while in the South the shorter and milder Winters give longer growing seasons and plenty of time for ploughing, planting and harvesting without any extraordinary labor. This, of course, makes farming a much easier occupation in the South than it is in those sections.

In the North and West the growing season is so short that two crops of any kind are a rarity, while in the South two and sometimes three crops of different kinds may be grown upon the same land in any year, and all crops of domestic or commercial value. The crops that may be grown in the North or West are comparatively few in number while in the South any crop grown in the temperate zone, with a number that are grown in the tropics can be produced in abundance and neary every year is added something of value to the list. As an illustration silk-growing and tea-culture and pineapple growing have been added within the past few years. Either af these may become a great industry in the sections adapted to them.

But these are only a few illustrations of the possibilities of the South as to variety of products, and when it comes to the ordinary crops of the Northern or Western farm such as wheat, oats, corn, potatoes, turnips, the grasses, &c., the South cannot only compare with the best lands of the West, but can with proper care and cultivation excel in both quality and quantity. The best wheat and corn grown in the United States, that is corn for human food, and for making a better quality of pork, is grown in North Carolina.

Some day, and not so very remote either, the South with progressive and improved methods will be, as an agricultural section, the garden spot of America.

IT GOES TO THE HAGUE.

The solution of the Venezuelan dispute seems to be that it goes by consent of all the parties concerned as principals in it to The Hague. This may not prove the speediest, but it will be the best solution, for having agreed to submit the matter to it none of the nations can reasonably object to its findings, especially since this tribunal was organized as a sort of court of appeals of the nations by the consent and co-operation of all the leading powers.

President Roosevelt hesitated to act as arbitrator, although that was the desire of England and especially of Germany, because he saw difficulties in the way and the possibility that so acting might eventually put him or this Government in an undesirable situation as to our relations with the South American Republics and involve the Monroe Doctrine, while there were others, including some of the Senators, who seemed to fear that it was a trap laid for President Roosevelt of which those Governments might take advantage hereafter in cases of similar disputes, or if questions should arise involving the meaning or scope of the Monroe Doctrine.

It is said that the only reason why President Roosevelt listened to suggestions that he should act as arbitrator was in the first place to hasten settlement and thus lessen the danger of war; second because he did not want the Monroe Doctrine to come before any European tribunal to pass upon directly or indirectly. But this tribunal will have nothing to do with the Monroe Doctrine, for this is simply a matter of dispute not about territory, but about debts, and in deciding upon the merits of the cases before it, it will not prescribe a method of payment or method of the enforcement of payment. It will simply give its verdict as to the claims presented leaving the matter of collection to the nations concerned.

But in addition to this it has been distinctly announced and so understood by the nations of the old world, that the Monroe Doctrine can never with the consent of this country come before The Hague or any other European tribunal for interpretation or arbitrament. We interpret that ourselves and stand upon our interpretation, so that there is no danger whatever of the Monroe Doctrine being involved in this settlement, as far as the decision of The Hague Commission goes.

Rev. Dr. Millburn, the blind chaplain of the Senate recently resigned, believed firmly that when the Senate started on business without prayer something unfortunate would surely happen. There was no prayer because the Dr. was unwell, the day Tillman and McLaurin had their scrap. It seems to take prayer to keep the dignified Senators down, but even with it there could be a good deal of improvement in them sometimes.

What was supposed to be the largest dog in the world died in Rutland, Vermont, a few days ago. He was ten years old, three feet and weighed 284 pounds.

For LaGrippe and Influenza use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

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A PRETTY BIG SCHEME.

For some time there have been reports of a contemplated national organization of farmers, called in the press dispatches a "Farmers' Trust," which was to be backed by many millions of capital, and put the farmer in a position where by co-operation he could control his crops, and not be at the mercy of combines or speculators or men who conered crops and put prices up one day and down the next. It seems that the development of this scheme has been going on, and has advanced so far as the organization of a society known as The National Society of Equity of North America, to which a charter has been issued under the laws of Indiana. Its objects are thus stated:

1 To promote and encourage organization and co-operation among farmers, stockmen, horticulturists, gardeners, and men of kindred vocations by the establishment of a national society, with such branches and such local socities as may be necessary to carry out such objects.

2 To obtain profitable prices for all products of the farm and garden and orchard.

3 To encourage the building of cold storage houses and warehouses in the principal market cities, or in all the localities where necessary, so that farm produce may be held for advantageous prices.

4. To encourage prohibition of the adulteration of food and the marketing of the same.

5. To secure legislation in the interest of agriculture, horticulture, stock raising and gardening.

6. To secure equitable rates of transportation.

7. To open up new markets and enlarge old ones.

8. To secure new seeds, grain, fruit, vegetables, etc., from foreign countries, disseminate the same, with a view of improvement of present crops and giving a greater variety.

9. To report crops, crop conditions, and market reports in this and foreign countries, so that farmers may operate intelligently in planting and marketing.

10. To encourage the establishment of institutions of learning, so that farmers and their sons and daughters may be educated in scientific farming, and for the general advancement of agriculture.

11. To encourage the improvement of highways.

12. To encourage the irrigation of land.

13. To promote social intercourse.

14. To encourage the settlement of disputes without recourse to law.

15. To establish similar societies in foreign countries. The incorporators are E A. Everett, H A. Hirshfield, Mark Turner, A. N. McKinney, Hirkam Miller and Sidney Conger, Indiana oil inspector. All are heavy landowners.

The organizers and officers elect are all Indiana men. Whether this is a scheme to make money out of the farmers or for their good remains to be seen, but it has evidently mapped out a pretty large-sized work, and will doubtless, in the end, if systematically and honestly carried out, prove of no little benefit to the farmers of the country.

A few days ago a New York jury gave a man a verdict for $25.000 damages against a railroad for the loss of a leg, and on the same day a Jersey City jury gave a man who lost a leg by an accident on a railroad only $10,000. It appears from this that Jersey legs do not rate as high as New York legs. But in New York people have to hustle and they find legs quite necessary.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The cultivation of sugar cane is not a new thing in Georgia, but until recent years it was only a side issue. It has now become, through the efforts of Judge Joseph Tillman more than any other man, a money crop in Georgie.—*Auqusta Chronicle, dem.*

—— When Capt. John S. Wise's case against the Constitution of Virginia comes up the next time it will embarrass that philanthropic practitioner to find a colored lawyer, employed by Virginia colored men, assisting in the defence of the law which Mr. Wise and his colored associates are trying to invalidate.—*Norfolk Landmark, Dem.*

—— The discovery of an effort to smuggle in a large quantity of tobacco in the coal-hole of the steamer St. George, from Antwerp, ought not to surprise anybody. The higher the tariff, the more active the smuggler; and to this may be added that, though sometimes caught, the more successful he is in general in cheating the Government of its dues.—*Brooklyn Citisen, Dem.*

—— The mine owners have tried to make it appear that greed and not necessity causes little girls to work in the silk mills at night. What a plea! Do they mean that it is greed on the part of the little girls themselves? Hardly this. Then it must be greed on the part either of their parents or the mill owners. In which case the law should step in and protect the innocents against such greed.—*Atlanta Journal, Dem.*

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A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate the Liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly, and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50 cents, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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THE HOUSE OF SILENCE.

BY S. E. KYSER.

There's a house that is quiet across the way
And things are in order there,
Not a rug is littered or soiled to-day,
Each tidy is on its chair:
I tumble o'er toys and I hear the din
That is made by the clatter of things of tin,
There are finger marks on the walls and gay
Hurrahing disturbs the air—
There's a house that is quiet across the way
And things are in order there.

There's a house that is splendid across the way
And riches are gathered there,
But a portrait hangs on the wall to-day
Of a child that was glad and fair,
And I fancy I hear the low, long sighs
Of one who is sitting with tear dimmed eyes
And thinking only as a mother may
Of the one that waits somewhere—
There's a house that is quiet across the way
And things are in order there.

—*Chicago Record Herald.*

SUNDAY SERVICES.

Services at Seamen's Bethel this afternoon commencing at 3 o'clock conducted by Rev. Dr. Wells. The public invited.

First Baptist church, Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D pastor, 11 A. M., "A Happy New Year." 7:30 P. M., "Turn over a New Leaf and write the record of an unspotted life."

Fifth street M. C. Church, South, Rev. F. M. Shamburger, pastor, morning services at 11 o'clock; evening service at 7:30 o'clock. Sunday school, John T. Sholar, superintendent, at 3, P. M.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Murchison bank building on Chesnut street. Services to-day at 11 o'clock A. M. and 8 P. M. Subject of Lesson Sermon, "Christian Science." All are invited.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran church, North Fourth street, Rev. C W. Kegley pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. Services at 7:30 P. M. Annual Christmas exercises by the Sunday school Monday at 7:30 P. M. Every person welcome.

St. Paul's Lutheran church, Sixth and Market streets, Rev. A. G. Voigt pastor. German service and communion to-morrow at 11 A. M. Preparatory service at 10:30 A M English service at 7:30 P. M. Sunday school at 3:30 P. M. Every body cordially invited.

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Accuse not nature; she hath done her part; do thou but thine.—*John Milton.*

— Men cannot see the good when the mists of passion are on the windows of the soul.

— Seek to cultivate a buoyant, joyous sense of the crowded kindnesses of God in your daily life.—*Alexander Maclaren.*

— Generally speaking we let what is most original and best in us be wasted. We reserve ourselves for a future which never comes.—*Amiel.*

— Christianity was not born to die. It will stand at the grave of many centuries, but no century will ever stand at the grave Christianity.—*J. A Adams.*

— People talk of "giving up" when they become Christians, as if they were to be losers, but the promise is of added riches.—*Drummond.*

— Learn to command thy daily acts to God, so shall the dry every day duties of common life be steps to heaven and lift thy heart thither.—*Edward B. Pusey.*

— "Learn to entwine with your prayers the small cares, the trifling sorrows the little wants of daily life. Whatever affects you, turn it into prayer and send it up to God."

— My heart was glad that Christmas Eve—just as if the Babe had been coming again to us that same night. And is he not always coming to us afresh in every childlike feeling that awakes in the hearts of his people!—*Geo. MacDonald.*

— Little self-denials, little honesties, little passing words of sympathy, little nameless acts of kindness, little silent victories over favorite temptation—these are the silent threads of gold which, when woven together, gleam out so brightly in the pattern of life that God approves.—*Canon Farrar.*

TWINKLINGS

— Men are valued by others in about the inverse ratio of their own valuation —*Ram's Horn.*

— "He has fishing on the brain." "Fishing tackle, you mean. I have seen him when his brain reeled."—*Philadelphia Bulletin.*

— Teacher—Jamie, can you tell me why Lincoln is called the martyr president? Jamie—'Cause he has to stand for all the Lincoln stories.—*Chicago Record.*

— Preacher—Well, maw, I just made a splendid arrangement with a shoe dealer. His wife—About what, Ezra! Preacher—He has promised to buy all the slippers I get at Christmas at 50 cents a pair.—*Detroit Free Press.*

WILMINGTON DISTRICT.

R. B. JOHN, P. E., Wilmington, N. C.

Scott's Hill, Prospect, Dec. 27, 28.
Burgaw, Rocky Point, Jan. 3, 4.
Southport, Jan. 11. 12.
Shallotte, Concord, Jan. 13.
Town Creek —— Jan. 14.
Waccamaw, Shallotte, Jan. 17, 18.
Whiteville, Whiteville, Jan. 18, 19.
Magnolia, Providence, Jan. 24, 25.
Clinton, Clinton, Jan. 30.
Kenansville, Friendship, Jan. 31, Feb 1.
Bladen, Bethlehem, Feb. 7, 8.
Elizabeth, Elizabethtown, Feb 9.
Carver's Creek, Council Station Feb. 10.
Onslow, Queen's Creek, Feb. 14. 15
Jacksonville and Richlands, Half Moon, Feb 21, 22.

District Stewards will please meet in the Ladies' Parlor, Grace church, Wilmington, Tuesday Dec. 30th, at 1 o'clock.

Missionary Institute will be held at Grace church Feb. 4th and 5th, 1903.

District conference will meet at Jacksonville Tuesday Mar. 17th at 5 o'clock P. M. and continue through the 18th and 19th, 1903.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally like itself is the price of a mistake, but you will never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle, yet thorough. 25c, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

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IT MUST COME.

As inevitable as the changing seasons of the year is the change which comes to every woman. And just as one anticipates the changes of other seasons it is wise to anticipate this change of season and prepare for it. In this way the discomforts and disasters suffered by many women at the period of change can be avoided or overcome.

Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, a medicine for every season of woman's life, will entirely meet the needs of women at this period of change. It cures the physical ills and relieves the mental anxiety and depression usually associated with this critical period. It tranquilizes the nerves, encourages the appetite and induces refreshing sleep.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Mount Airy *News*: The town commissioners won in the bar-room fight last week. So there is no prospects for the saloons being reopened here right soon, if ever in the future. —— Mr. J. D. McCollum killed six fine hogs Friday, weighing 2,423 pounds. The largest weighed 484 pounds. They averaged nearly 404 pounds each.

— Monroe *Enquirer*: 'Squire H. L. Price, one of the best farmers of Sandy Ridge township, has been experimenting with a new breed of hogs, the "Mammoth Black" breed. Mr. Price killed three seven-months-old pigs one day last week weighing 200 pounds each, and yesterday he killed a fifteen-months-old pig weighing 408 pounds.

— Chatham *Record*: After a long sickness Dr. West Harriss died at his home near this place on last Tuesday, in the 78th year of his age. —— Four men voted in Hickory Mountain township at the last election, whose united ages amounted to 349 years and all voted the straight Democratic ticket. Their names and ages are as follows: Samuel B. Perry 90 years old. A. S. Dowd 88 years, Oliver McMath 87 years and Hugh W. Peoples 84 years.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: A white woman named Bettie Jones, was found on the edge of the Buxton woods, on Wilmington road Tuesday, in a semi drunken state, with a great gash cut across her face. She was carried to her home near by and it is said she will recover. She refuses to tell how she was there or who cut her. It is said that there was a number of women and men drinking in the woods, and soon became engaged in a general fight, the Jones woman being one of the victims too badly hurt to get away.

— Washington *Progress*: The truck crop next year will be larger than usual. Much preparation has already been made for this crop The Fall crop of Irish potatoes is the finest ever known in this section. —— The farmers in this section of the State are in better condition than we have ever known them. A good crop was raised and fair prices obtained. More debts have been liquidated and more improvements made than usual. Farm lands are bringing better prices and town property brings a hundred per cent. more than it did only a few years ago.

SPRINKLING SINGAPORE.

The Solemn Procession That Accompanies the Watering Cart.

Poultney Bigelow in his description of the marvelous progress made by the city of Singapore under English rule gave a quaint picture of the manner in which the streets are watered:

The watering cart was drawn by little white bullocks and driven by Malays with turbans. It seemed to take five Malays to do this driving. One roosted aloft on top of the barrel for the purpose of controlling the outgo of water. He seemed very proud of his appointment. Another native in a big turban roosted on the pole and controlled the little cattle.

Then there was a man in thin brown legs and much turban who walked solemnly behind enjoying a footbath. He was obviously a government functionary, although his exact sphere of usefulness I could not discover. He appeared to be something in the nature of a rear guard.

Then there was a "foreloper," or advance guard, for the purpose of clearing the way. There appeared to be an idea that the little bullocks might suddenly go mad and rush ahead. At any rate, it gave congenial employment to one more native, and that was something.

There was yet another, who bent down now and then to pick up a piece of stone or brush away some irregularity unseen by ordinary eyes.

This outfit was a treat to me. It was solemn; it was full of self consciousness; it was magnificently oriental.

I have seen men in sublime moments; I have seen the red capped station master of Germany strut up and down his platform when an imperial train was about to arrive, but even that impressed me less than the watering cart of Singapore, with its municipal hierarchy of Malay ministers, each earning perhaps 2 cents a day.

His Own Medicine Chest.

The surgeon of an English ship of war was noted for the monotony of his prescriptions. He apparently considered salt water taken externally or internally as a cure for all the ills that flesh is heir to, for he ordered his patients to take it, no matter what might be the malady presented to his notice.

One day he went sailing with a party of friends, and in the course of a squall the boat was upset, and the surgeon came near being drowned.

"Well," said the captain of the ship when he was told of the narrow escape, "I'm glad you were saved, but it hardly seems possible in any event that you could have really drowned in your own medicine chest, now does it, doctor?"

DR. PIERCE'S GOLDEN MEDICAL DISCOVERY FOR THE BLOOD, LIVER, LUNGS.

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

Quoted officially at the closing by the Chamber of Commerce.]

STAR OFFICE, December 27.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 51½c per gallon.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.35 per barrel for strained and $1.40 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel of 280 pounds.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $1.75 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at 95c@$1.00; tar steady at $1.35; crude turpentine quiet at $1.00 @2.00.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	10
Rosin	217
Tar	56
Crude turpentine	16

Receipts same day last year—15 casks spirits turpentine, 113 barrels rosin, 282 barrels tar, 58 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 8¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5¾	cts. per lb
Good ordinary	7⅛	" "
Low middling	7¾	" "
Middling	8¼	" "
Good middling	8 15-16	" "

Same day last year, market firm at 7⅞c for middling.

Receipts—2,595 bales; same day last year, 1,951.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c. Spanish (new), 65@70c.

CORN—Firm, 65@67½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 10@12½c; sides, 10@11c.

EGGS—Firm at 21@22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Firm. Grown, 30@35c; springs, 12½@25c.

TURKEYS—Firm at 10@11c for live.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 60c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Money on call—Market was firm at 6 per cent., closing offered at 6 per cent; time money quiet—60 days and 90 days, 6 per cent.; six months 5½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 6 per cent. Sterling exchange firm, slightly easy; actual business in bankers' bills at 486.625@486 875 for demand and 483@483.25 for sixty days. The posted rates were 485 and 487½. Commercial bills 482½@483¾. Bar silver 48. Mexican dollars 38. Government bonds strong. State bonds—no report. Railroad bonds irregular. U S. funding 3's, registered, 108. U. S funding 2's, coupon, 108½; U. S 3's, registered, 107½; do. coupon, 108 U. S. 4's, new registered, 135½; do. coupon, 135½; U. S. 4's, old, registered, 109; do. coupon, 110; U. S. 5's, registered, 103¾; do. coupon, 103¾; Southern Railway, 5's, 120. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 99¼. Chesapeake & Ohio 48¼; Manhattan L 146½; New York Central 152¼; Reading 65½; do 1st preferred 86; do. 2nd preferred 77½; St. Paul 178½; do. pref'd, 192½; Southern Railway 33½; do. pref'd 92¾; Amalgamated Copper 63¼; People's Gas 103½; Sugar 129½; Tennessee Coal and Iron 58½; U. S. Leather 12¾; do. pref'd, 85½; Western Union 87½; U S Steel 35½; do. pref'd 85½; Virginia-Carolina Chemical 61¼; do. preferred, 123. Standard Oil, 693@694.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 26½; do. preferred, bonds, 43¼; fours, 83.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Rosin steady. Strained common to good $1 85@1 90. Spirits turpentine steady at 55@55½c.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 27.—Spirits turpentine and rosin unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 27.—Spirits turpentine quoted firm at 52c; receipts 850 casks; sales 1,714 casks; exports 835 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 7,675 barrels; sales 739 barrels; exports 1,853 barrels Quote: A, B, C, D, $1 45; E, $1 50; F, $1 55; G, $1 70; H, $2 00; I, $2 35; K $2 85; M, $3 35; N, $3 55; W G, $3 80; W W, $4 20.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Holiday; no market.

Dec. 27.—Galveston, Norfolk, holiday; Baltimore, nominal at 8¾c, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 8.75c, net receipts 490 bales; Wilmington, firm at 8½, net receipts 2,595 bales. Philadelphia, quiet at 9.00c, net receipts 298 bales; Savannah, holiday, net receipts 15,846 bales; New Orleans, holiday, net receipts — bales; Mobile, quiet at 8½c, net receipts 635 bales; Memphis, steady at 8¾c, net receipts 3,118 bales; Augusta and Charleston, holiday.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Flour was steady; Winter patents $3 60@3 90 Minnesota patents $4 00@4 20. Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red 84c. In the absence of cables or other important news, wheat was dull all day but steadily held on the strength of corn and light offerings. The close was steady and unchanged except on December which was ½c off on deliveries; May closed 81¾c; July 78¾c; December closed 84c. Corn—Spot steady; No 2 65c. Options—December corn advanced 1c more on covering and all positions up to May were also affected December closed 1c higher, January ½c up and May was unchanged: January closed 55c; March closed —c; May closed 45¾c; July closed —; December closed 84c. Oats—Spot firm; No. 2, 38@38½c. Options were steady and quiet Rice quiet; domestic, fair to extra 4¼@5¾c Molasses quiet. Butter steady; extra creamery 28c; State dairy 20@26. Cheese firm; new State full cream, small colored, fancy, September 14c. Peanuts were steady; fancy hand-picked 4¾@4¾c; other domestic 3@4¾c. Cabbages steady; domestic, per 100, white to red $2 00@5 00; Norfolk 75c@$1 00. Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; No. 7 invoice 5¾; mild quiet; Cordova 7¼@12. Sugar—Raw steady; confectioner's $4 70; mould A $5 10; cut loaf $5 45; crushed $5 45; powdered $5 10; granulated $4 85; cubes $5 10. Lard firm; Western steam $10 80; refined lard firm; compound 7¼@7¾c. Pork firm; family $18 00; short clear $21 00@23 00; mess $18 00@18 50. Freights to Liverpool—cotton by steam 12. Eggs firm; State and Pennsylvania average best 28 Potatoes steady; Long Island $2 00@2 25; South Jersey sweets $2 50@3 75; Jerseys $1 75@2 00; New York and Western per 180 lbs., $1 50 @2 15. Cotton seed oil was moderately active and steady, closing: Prime crude here nominal; prime crude f. o. b. mills 31c bid; prime summer yellow 38½@39½; off summer yellow 39c; prime white 41@43c; prime winter yellow 43c; prime mesl $27 00@27 50, nominal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—There was little doing in either grain or provision pits to day, but in spite of the extreme dullness the market exhibited steadiness, May wheat closing unchanged, May corn ½c higher and oats unchanged. May provisions were 2½c lower to 2½@3c higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Cash prices: Flour dull but firm. Wheat—No. 2 spring 73@75c; No. 3 spring 69@73c; No. 2 red 74½@75c. Corn—No. 2 45½@46½c; No. 2 yellow 46c Oats—No 2 32½c; No. 3 white —; No. 3 white 33¼@33c. Mess pork, per barrel, $17 00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $10 35@10 40. Short rib sides, loose, closed $8 50@8 75 Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $8 25@8 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $8 87½@9 00 Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 31.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 74¾, 78, 74¾, 75c; May 77¼@77¾, 77¾, 77⅛, 77¼c. July 74½@74¾, 74¾, 74⅛, 74½c. Corn—No. 2 December 46, 46⅝, 45⅝, 45½c; January 44¾, 45¼, 44¾, 45¼c; May 43¾@43¾, 43¾, 43¾@43¾, 43¾c Oats—No 2 December, new, 32½, 32½, 32 32; May 33¾@33¾, 34¼, 33¾, 34. Mess pork, per bbl—December $16 20, 17 30, 17 20, 17 20; May $16 60, 16 60, 16 45, 16 45. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $10 40, 10 42½, 10 35, 10 42½; January $9 97½, 9 97½, 9 95, 9 95; May $9 57½, 9 60, 9 52½, 9 55. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $8 55, 8 57½, 8 52½, 8 52½; May $8 72½, 8 73¼, 8 67½, 8 67½.

MARINE.

ARRIVED.

Schr Chas C Lister, 267 tons, Moore, New York, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Clyde steamship Geo W Clyde, Chichester, Georgetown, S C, H G Smallbones.

British schooner Foster Rice, 179 tons, Brinton, Suguala La Grande, Cuba, George Harriss, Son & Co.

CLEARED.

Clyde steamship Geo W Clyde, Chichester, Providence and New York, H G Smallbones.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 28

STEAMSHIPS.

Vera, (Br) 1,854 tons, Bennett, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Zeeburg, (Dutch) 1,958 tons, Stasse, Heide & Co.
Rivertor, (Br) 2,236 tons, Williams, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Foster Rice, (Br) 179 tons, Brinton, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Chas C Lister, 267 tons, Moore, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Venus, 194 tons, Foxwell, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Lady Shee, (Br) 151 tons, Munro, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Mabel Darling, (Br) 111 tons, Sweeting, J A Springer & Co.

BARQUES.

Nellie Troop, (Br) 1,317 tons, Nobles, Heide & Co.

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New Hanover County.

NAME.	Block	LOT,	Tax and Cost.
A			
WHITE			
Ahrens, Mrs. C. M. R.		306 w ½ 1	
do do		328 w ½ 15	
do do		346 all 1 2	41 54
COLORED			
Allen, Andrew J.		541 s e 6	
do do		561 n w ½ 1	4 53
Anderson, H. J.		70 e p 4	4 62
Artis, W. T.		338 w p 2	2 34
B			
WHITE			
Bailey, E. P.		128 w 5 6	56 91
Best, R. W		307 e 4	10 43
Biddle hrs Julia A.		78 - p 1 2 3	5 66
Bierman H. J		320 w 3 3	17 07
Bishop, Mrs. Jasper		196 w ½ 3	12 52
Blake, E.		64 e 4 5	12 98
Bowden, hrs SC.		181 w end 5	17 49
Brown, John		540 pt 4	4 45
do Mrs T C.		224 e m 4 5	
do do		240 w pt 1	8 97
Bryan, Nancy M.		38 s w ¼ 4	3 94
Butler, Mrs H W.		156 w end 5	4 8
Boatwright, Annie T.		139 w 1	98 98
do Victor T.		139 p end 2	11 26
Bolles, Miss H P.		147 w m 6 6 ½	34 50
COLORED			
Barfield, General		327 pt 2 3	1 72
Berry, Richard		241 1 3 int e 4 w 5	2 13
Bennett, hrs John		309 e 5	3 79
Bishop, hrs Mary E.		213 s w ¼ 1	3 79
Blackwell, Martha J.		338 w end 5	3 38
Blackwood, hrs Susan		336 e end 3	2 96
Blocker, hrs Betsey		48 e p 3 4 5	5 87
Bowden, Alex		119 s e ¼ 3	3 38
Bowen, John P.		339 e p 4 5	3 79
Brown, John H.		380 e ¼ 5	5 04
Bryant, David		93 e m 1 2	
do do		105 w m 6.	8 77
Burke, James H.		266 1-5 int e ¼ 1.2 pt 3	7 33
Burnett, Allison		119 s w ¼ 3	3 38
Burnice, Rewben		156 s w ¼ 4	4 64
Byrd, hrs of Edward		82 w 5 6	2 34
Blount, Esther		93 s e ¼ 4	3 38
C			
WHITE			
Corbett, W. H		71 e 6	4 2
Carter, hrs Saml		339 m 5	5 56
Cutlar, Dubrutz, agt.		10c w m 1 2	11 68
Cuttar, Dubrutz		36 n e ¼ 4	
do		536 pt w ¼ 5	
do		349 w m 5	
do		89 e ¼ 4	
do		174 e m and w m 3 4 5	
do		269 w m 5	
do		249 w m 4 5	
do		137 n w ¼ 4	
do		237 pt s e 2 and n e 3	
do		148 e 3 5 6 pt n e ¼ 6	
do		148 e m ¼ 4	
do		279 w m 1	
do		375 s e ¼ 2	
do		47 e m 1	
do		20 w m 1	
do		51 e ¼ 4	
do		68 all 3	
do		52 e 4 3	
do		483 m 1 2 3 4 5'	
do		53 n e 4	90 18
do		193 w ¼ 1	
COLORED			
Carr, Isaac		300 s e ¼ 4	4 21
Clark, James R.		536 n e ¼ 2	3 13
Cochran, Josh		327 w 4 5	5 04
Coles, Alex		326 e m 5	2 55
Collins, hr Sarah A.		226 e ¼ 4	3 79
Corbett, Nancy C.		311 n e 1	4 21
Cordell, E H.		256 n w ¼ 3	2 55
Cotton, London		356 w 4 5	1 98
Cowan, Hammond		67 s e ¼ 3	
do do		540 s e ¼ 5	3 37
do hrs Saml		226 s e ¼ 3	5 04
D			
WHITE			
Dixon, hrs Jessee		255 w end 1	2 96
COLORED			
Davis, Betsey Ann		119 e m 1 2	4 62
do Charlotte L.		306 p 4 w 2 3	2 96
de James H.		253 e m 1	3 79
do John Henry		119 m 1 2	4 21
do hrs Louisa		46 w m 4 5	2 55
do Wesley		46 w 5 6	5 04
DeVane, W M.		226 e p 3 4 5	3 59
Davis, Ed		74 pt 1 2	6 38
DeLoach, Jane		2,3 pt n w 3	2 13
E			
WHITE			
Evans, Hector		310 e 1	2 55
do Katie L.		321 e ½ 2	6 23
Everett hrs Mrs Ann		210 n e 4	4 21
do John A Jr.		484 w m 3 4 5	10 55
COLORED			
Ellison, A E.		56 n e ¼ 4	1 51
Epps, Henry		299 n e ¼ 4	4 82
Evans, Isaac C.		282 pt n w 3	5 04
do hrs Julius		37 n w ¼ 5	
do do		256 w ¼ 5	6 07
do Martha J.		68 s w 4	3 27
do W F.		196 w ¼ 4	5 4
F			
COLORED			
Ferguson, hrs Sallie		530 s e 2	2 34
WHITE			
Foard, Kate W.		536 e 4 5	2 13
Forrest J J		03 w 6	8 15
Flann gan, E J.		22 w 3	17 24
Farmer Evelina		98 e 2 3	4 62
G			
WHITE			
Gilbert, Sarah C.		143 w 2 3	26 62
Gooding, F J		323 n w ¼ 3	
do		211 s w 2	
do		236 w m 4 5 6	
do		347 e 4 w 4 5	
do		234 e ½ 2 3	
do		153 w m 4 5	
do		170 e 1	
do		164 w 4 5	
do		153 w 1 2	
do		191 e m 1	
do		140 w 1 2	
do		263 w ¾ 3	
do		114 w m 1 2	
do		219 e m 5	
do		306 e 5 w m 5	265 55
Grady, L V		301 s e ¼ 2	17 49
Green, Anna A and Miss F V Lawton		177 e 3	
		261 e ½ 2	
		279 w ½ 3	32 75
Green, W H		63 w 4 5	10 04
COLORED			
Galley, James M		254 e ¼ 3	5 04
Galloway, W A		37 w m 1 2	5 45
Gause, E S		327 m 1	
do do		325 e 4 5	5 61
Gavin, Ben		27 n w ¼ 5	4 00
Gibbs, G W		541 n e ¼ 6	
do		55 w m 1 2	1 92
Giblem, Lodge		171 e 1 2	11 68
Green, Henry		47 e m 2 3 4 5 6	
do		68 all 2	
do		69 w 2	
do		62 e m 5	
do		288 all 6	
do		33 n e ¼ 4	
do		50 w ¼ 6	
do		518 all 1	
do		20 n w 1	
do		42 e 1 2 e m 1 2	
do		38 e ¼ 3 m 4 5	
do		37 e ¼ 3	
do		n w ¼ 3	23 03
H			
WHITE			
Harriss, May McI.		17 pt 1	
do		88 all	
do		329 all	
do		37 all 5	
do		28 pt 5	
do		25 all 2 6	
do		39 all 1	
do		535 pt 5 all 6	
do		27 all 4	
do		24 all 1	
do		14 all 8	
Harriss, W N		29 n e ¼ 1	12 14
do		299 pt 2 3 4	
do		400 pt 4 all 2 3	
do		401 pt 4 all 2 3	13 11
Heinsberger, P trustee		193 w 2 3	29 91
Hew ett, J H		117 e m 1	8 94
do Martha S.		117 w 1	13 09
COLORED			
Hall, David		239 e 4 5	2 13
do hrs R P		479 w m 1	
do do		35 e 1 4	
do do		318 w ¼ 5	4 19
Hall, hrs R L		320 pt 3 4 5	
do d		187 m 4 5	3 37
Hall, W H		27 n e ¼ 1	1 51
Hel-ley, Margaret		337 w 3 4	1 81
Hankins hrs Joseph'ne		245 s w 4	3 79
Harrington, Lewis		31 w 1	9 01
Harriss, Lovick		257 w ¾ 4	2 96
Henderson, Betsey		45 e m 6	3 38
do hrs Hagar		211 e ½ 2	3 79
do Rebecca		4 e 6	2 96
Hicks, Ellija J		0 e 2	3 38
Hil, Caroline S		228 w 1 2 3	2 55
do Chas H		186 w 2	5 87
do Louis H		31 n e ¼ 4	4 64
do hrs Virgil		97 s e ¼ 4	4 83
do Willie		369 e m 5	4 21
Hollingsworth hrs of Lewis		334 w m 1	
Hollingsworth, hrs of Lewis		306 e 1 2	
Hollingsworth, hrs of Lewis		348 pt 2	37 43
Hollingsworth, S L.		261 e ¾ 3	5 45
Hooper, Johnson		30 w 4 5	
do d s		146 e m 1 5	
do do		182 e m 5 6	15 72
do Jno H		253 e 2	4 12
Howe, Jane		342 e end 1 2	2 13
Howard, Andrew		19 n w ¼ 4 s w ¼ 3	6 70
Howard, Jno H		3 n e 1	2 13
Howe, Josephine		188 s w 2	2 55
Hyman, hrs Wm		88 n e ¼ 4	
J			
WHITE			
Jackson, James		209 e 4 5	9 60
COLORED			
Jarvis, hrs Emeline		252 e 5	5 04
Johnson, Alex		38 w m 1	6 28
Johnson Robert		32 e 3	2 55
Jones, Joe		254 e ¾ 2	4 62
Jones, Lena		240 w 5	4 62
Jones, Moses Jr		48 s e 6 ¾	4 21
Jones, Palla		2 - e m 3	2 55
Jones, John Stephen		136 m pt w ¼ 5	4 21

NAME	Block	Description	Tax and Cost
K			
WHITE			
Kenan, Mary E.		486 w 1 2 3	4 62
Kelley, Misses I J, A H and I L.		191 e 2 3	19 98
Kerchner, hrs L C.		190 m 5 6	
do do		165 ½ nt e m 1 2	38 88
King, Archy		38 w m 1	6 70
do Wm J		51 m 5 6	5 45
Knowles, Jos W.		41 pt w end 1	5 30
COLORED			
King, Ben		351 w 5	1 93
L			
WHITE			
Landor, Jane		18 e m 1	3 17
Lathrop, E S.		194 s e 4	22 68
LeGwin, Mrs E and T H Wright		229 w m 5	5 45
LeGwin, Sarah		186 w end 1 2	7 11
COLORED.			
Larrington, hrs Diana.		173 e ¾ 5	7 94
Lee, Daniel		490 w 1	
do do		141 e 2 3	6 91
Lewis Geo Jr.		33 n e 5	5 54
Lewis, James		359 w m 1	2 55
Lloyd, Mi c.		294 s w 2	3 79
Love, Loui a		307 w 2	3 38
M			
Marshal, A J		206 m 3	
do do		37 e ¾ 5	
do do		81 pt 1 2 3	
do do		266 1 and 2	11 45
do Mrs E		173 w m 3 4 and 5	
do do		240 pt m 4	13 41
Mason, G A		193 s w ¾ 3	9 31
Morrell Mrs C		196 n w ¾ 4	7 91
COLORED			
Moore, hrs Thos F.		269 n w 5	4 62
do satire		17 e m 4 5	1 55
do Polly A.		228 n w ¼ 2	4 12
Mitchell, Joseph		118 w ¾ 3	7 44
Miller, John		281 e 5	5 04
Merrick, sarah A.		48 e 3 4 5	
do do		62 s w ¼ 2	6 07
Meeks, Martha		64 e 5 5	5 03
Mallett, Alex & W P.		237 w ¾ 1	11 16
May, Fennell J		187 n w 2	5 04
Mc			
WHITE			
McFarland, Mrs Elizabeth		218 w 2	30 35
McKinnon, hrs Mrs.		233 w ¾ 3	
D		198 s e 7	34 02
McLauchlin, Joseph.		70 n w ¼ 3	4 21
COLOR D			
McDuffie J N.		96 w e 6	4 21
McFarland, Morr'sa.		31 s e 1	1 7
McFarland simon.		336 e 1	4 21
McMillan Jas guard		3 7 e m 1 2	2 96
McNeal John		200 s w ¼ 1	4 21
N			
WHITE			
Nutt, J D		208 e 5	29 32
COLORED			
Neal John		537 w 2	4 83
Nixon, Bertha		175 w 1	6 28
Nichols, Elizabeth		33 s w 3 4	3 96
Nixon Jane		282 w m 4 5	8 59
do hrs Prince		479 w 1 2 3	
do do		56 w ¾ 3	2 33
O			
O D'Connor agt—			
London hrs s E.		280 e 1	3 79
McIntyre, Thos A.		57 all 6	26 10
Northrop Mrs W H		6s all 3	6 28
Pitts, hrs O H		190 e 5	31 50
O'Sullivan, J P		145 e end 6 6 ½	8 86
COLOR D			
D O'connor, agt—			
Davis, Eliza J		197 e 3	8 86
Hansley, Sarsheba		263	15 85
P			
Piver, R L		89 s w ¼ 3	5 29
Platt, hrs sam'l		72 s w ¼ 4	3 38
COLORED			
Patrick, suckey		325 e m 2 4	4 42
Pearson, hrs John		314 n w 3	1 98
Perkins, Dennis		74 w ¾ 5	3 79
Pierce, Andrew		62 w m 1	4 42
Pridgen, John		10 s e ¼ 5	2 16
Payne, hrs Thos		2 1 w ¾ 1	6 18
Q			
COLORED			
Quick, William		211 e m 1	6 78
R			
WHITE			
Reaves W J		87 e ¼ 4 pt 3	
do do		8 w ½ 2	
do do		87 e ¾ 5	
do do		129 l u w 6	
do do		88 w 6	
Register, W H		117 s e ¼ 2	69 18
C ORED			10 43
Reaves, hrs Nathan		29 w 3 4	3 79
Reed, Isabella		252 w 4 5	3 84
do hrs sam		25 w 1	
do do		6 all 6 w 5	9 80
Reese, samuel		148 e 4 5	2 96
Reeves, Louisa		238 e 1	7 11
Reynolds, J D		4s w 1	5 49
Roberts, Gilbert		118 w m 6	4 21
Robinson, hrs Agnes J		3s pt 5	
do do		81 n e 1 3	3 99
do hrs Henry		20 n w 1	2 13
do W H		2 s e ¼ 5	3 96
Rowell, hrs Lucilla		146 s e 3	3 38
Russ, hrs Harriet		59 w 5 6	3 38
Ryan, hrs Allen		490 w 1 2	2 96
WHITE			
Saunders, H G and wife		78 m 1 2 3	
Saunders, H G and wife		94 w m 4	11 26
Sharp, J E and W H		62 w m 1	9 81
do W H		62 w 1 2	1 98
Swann, Evans		62 pt w m 1	5 57
COLORED		76 s e ¼ 2	6 49
Sanders, C R		55 s e ¼ 3 e m 1 2	4 12
Sheridan, John A		51 8 11 4	1 72
Sidbery, Walter		236 e m and w m 33	5 04
Shrewsbury, Caroline		119 e m 5 6	5 38
Smith hrs Lucy		336 s m 5	2 96
do do Maria		278 m 5	2 96
do hrs susan		342 s w 3	2 96
Stanford Geo ge		541 s w ¼ 2	4 4
Stanley Charles		2 s w ¼ 2	4 00
Strandwick Mary J		46e m 1 2 3 4 5	3 38
Sullivan Abb e		194 n w 1	4 21
T			
WHITE			
Taylor, D ra		32 w m 6	4 00
Tyler, C F		146 w 6 6 ¾	9 40
COLORED			
Taylor, H O		40 s w ¾ 2	
do do		6 w 1	2 66
Thomas, hrs John		92s e 2 3	4 83
Thompson, Jacob		339 w 1	5 38
Turner Mary E		254 w ½ 1	10 4
do hrs Pompey		359 w m 5	2 55
do watson		349 w 3 4	2 13
V			
COLORED			
Vanderhorst, Ed		309 s e ¼ 5	2 96
W			
WHITE			
Ward, Alice		62 w 1	5 66
Williams Kate W		282 e 1	4 62
Williams hrs J M		109 w m 1	8 98
J G Wright & son agt			
Register, eva B		199 w m 5	
do do		178 e m 5	13 53
Rowell, Mrs Comfort		43 w 34	10 43
West, hrs H P		10 175	int pt 1 23 4 15
Wright Jno M		114 w m 6	27 37
COLORED.			
Wade, hrs Marion		80 s e ½ 3	3 38
Walker, Charles E		177 e ¾ 5	3 79
do hrs en y		240 e 1	3 79
do James A		66 s w ¼ 4	
do do		306 w 2	4 62
do Margaret		337 w 4 5	2 76
do Sarah		21 s e 1 e m 1	
do do		206 w ½ 2	8 14
Washington, James		27 n w ¼ 3	4 08
do Phoebe		255 n w ¼ 5	3 79
Waters, Eliza		426 e m 2	2 55
Williams, hrs Sarah		351 e m 4 5	1 72
Willis, Godfrey		56 w end 6	4 62
Wright, hrs Titus		327 e p 1 2	4 62

Delinquent.

NAME	Block	Description	Tax and cost.
B			
WHITE			
Bowden, hrs L H		169 e m 1 2	17 90
Boykin, Julia A		169 w m 1	3 79
COLORED			
Bell, Thos T		42 w ¾ 5	2 76
Brown, Wm		351 w m 5	4 00
Boyd, J M		18 w m 1	5 23
Blocker, A & d W H			
Cotton and wife		541 n e ¼ 4	1 73
C			
COLORED			
Chadbourn, John		314 w m 5	
do do		250 w m 5	5 86
D			
COLORED			
DeLoach, Chas		283 n w 3	4 21
Doscher, Robert		65 e ¾ 5	3 79
E			
Evans, Cornelius		93 e m 1 2	
G			
COLORED			
Grainger, London		518 s w ¼ 5	1 47
Galley, J M & others		266 e 1	2 96
H			
WHITE			
Hicks, R W		337 e m 2 3	2 76
COLORED			
Holmes, J H		294 m 1	3 38
do R P		294 e 1	4 21
Howard, hrs Harry		49 e m 1 2 3	2 34
do Martha		39 n e ¼ 2	2 55
J			
WHITE			
Johnson, Alice		193 w m 4 5 6	23 05
Johnson, Jane and D Bryant		104 w m 6	2 13
COLORED			
Johnson, W F		40 s w ¼ 5	2 34
L			
COLORED			
Lane, Elijah		264 w ¾ 2	4 62
Lawrence, P M		518 s e ¼ 5	1 47
Loftin, McLean		483 n w 3	5 4
LeBoo, hrs Lucy A		337 w 4	2 5
WHITE.			
M yo M s W E		304 w 3 4 5	21 32
Moody, s M		308 e	5 04
COLORED			
Martin Nelle s		187 w 1 2	
do do		326 n w 1	5
Moore, N ncy		29 e m 3	2 66
do hrs Geo ge		314 e 4	1 55
do wash ngton		297 w 6	6 13
do Rebec a		25 s w ¼ 3	3 72
N chols, R s		155 e ¾ 3	4 0000
N xon Jane		339 w 5	4 2138
COLORED			
R les, Chloe		119 s e ¼ 4	2 53
R pley, s m		8 e 6	3 38
Rount ee, Denn s		336 e 1 and e end 1	
Rountree, Denn s		337 e m 1 2	5 45
O. O. ED			
simmons, Nathaniel.		187 e 4 5	4 21
HITE			
Thomas, Frank		339 e 3	5 04
Whi E			
whitehead, Z W		127 w 1 2 3	44 46

Cape Fear Township.

NAME	Acres	Description.	Tax and Cost.
J			
WHITE			
Kraft, William	11	Unknown Factory	84 38
M			
WHITE			
Millan, James	74	pt Westbrok tract	5 45
Murray, J W	27	adj R S Murray	5 45
WHITE			
Stewart, C Morton, trustee	56	adj Lennehan Graffin	22 0

Cape Fear Township.

NAME	Acres	Description	Tax and Cost.
A			
COLORED			
Aycock, Pris	200	adj Heyer	5 78
B			
COLORED			
Bevins, Frances	3	adj A Moore	1 72
C			
COLORED			
Canaday, Geo	5	adj Hermitage	1 92
F			
COLORED			
Fonville, Jerry	100	adj Rock Hill	1 80
G			
COLORED			
Grady, Albert	3	adj Kerr	4 51
do Geo W	13	adj Alcenia Reed	1 71
H			
COLORED			
Henderson, hrs Henry	75	adj Hermitage	5 45
M			
COLORED			
Marshal, Edward	6	adj Moses Potter	4 14
Merrick, Jam s H	7	adj Hector Smith	4 45
Miller, Adna	2	adj Rock Hill	1 59
Moseley, Edward	5	adj Acorn branch	4 83
Murphy, Joseph	5	adj James Wright	4 00
Mc			
COLORED			
McIntyre, Sam	20	adj Oakley	3 51
N			
COLORED			
Nixon, hrs Saml	142	adj Nixonville	5 45
W			
COLORED			
Wilber, Mary	5	adj E McGuire	1 72
do Sarah	5	adj Mary Wilber	1 74

Delinquent in Cape Fear Township

NAME	Acres	Description	Tax and Cost.
WHITE			
Allen, R O	6	pt Miller tract	1 60
Cowan, Ida	90	adj Hermitage	
do	25	ad Rock Hill	7 30
do	25	ad Hanberny	
Davis, S J	25	ad DeRossett h'h	3 38
Larkin, W W, Guard	300	pt Richard tract	2 96
Robbins, D M	300	Cedar Hill	7 11

Federal Point Township

NAME	Acres	Description	Tax and Cost.
H			
COLORED			
Mitchell, hrs John	10	adj Southerland tract	2 13

Delinquent in Federal Point Township

NAME	Acres	Description	Tax and Cost.
WHITE			
Cochran, J N	86	adj McKethan	
do	74	Banks land	3 41
McKethan, M C	7	Banks land	
do	106	adj D Bowden	3 41
outherland H	50	Banks land	
do	114	adj A Teachery	3 17
COLORED			
Bonnor, Benj B	50	M Burris place	3 38

Harnett Township.

NAME	Acres	Description	Tax and Cost.
A			
WHITE			
Alford, Mary C	10	adj Woody	2 68
B			
WHITE			
Blue, LA	1½	store lot at Wrightsville	
do do		lot Summer Rest	8 77
C			
WHITE			
Cannaday, Susan	3 ½	pt Oscar Batton tract	1 72
Capps, Elizabeth	23	pt O P Batton tract	1 49
Cutlar, DeBrutz		lot at Wrights. ville	24 3
F			
WHITE			
Foy, F M		½ int Beach land	1 93
H			
WHITE			
Harriss, George agt		8 pt Bonham tract	
do do do	3350	sanders tract	
do do do	100	Homestead tract	97 99
N			
WHITE			
Northrop, Alice	8	Greenville lands	
do do	50	Pearsal tract	23 84
P			
WHITE			
Poisson, Mrs F D		Sea Side Park	92 60
R			
WHITE			
Rogers, J F	2	adj Geo Rogers	6 04
S			
WHITE			
Sanders, W M		house and lot on beach	10 43
Stokeley, Mrs M A	12	Wrightsville road	18 32
W			
WHITE			
Walker, Maria G	800	adj Humphrey	35 09
Williamson, Eliza	11	pt Sanders tract	2 13

Harnett Township

NAME	Acres	Description	Tax and Cost.
B			
COLORED			
Bradley, Alex		pt Allen tract	6 37
H			
COLORED			
Hines, Louis	6	adj Shepard tract	9 5
Highsmith, hrs Jos	10	adj T B Carney	2 13
J			
COLORED			
Jones, Hyman	5	pt Allen tract	5 45
L			
COLORED			
Loftin, John	10	old home place	2 19
do hrs Mag	2	pt Bradley tract	4 62
M			
COLORED			
Moore, Delaware	12	adj Jordan Nixon	2 55
do Thomas	18	adj Jordan Nixon	6 15
N			
COLORED			
Nelson, A J		lot near 1st Toll House	1 93
do do	3	adj J O Nixon	8 80
do Mary	1	at Wrightsville	3 17
S			
COLORED			
Sidberry

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SUNDAY MORNING DEC. 28.

LEGISLATIVE REGULATION OF RAILROAD RATES.

Discussed Before the American Economic Association by W. D. Hines, Vice Pres. of the L. & N. R. R. Co

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILDELPHIA, Dec. 27.—The second session of the fiftieth annual meeting of the American Economic Association, held at the University of Pennsylvania to-day, was devoted to a discussion of the topic "public regulation of railroads." The principal speakers were Charles A. Prouty, interstate commerce commissioner, whose paper was on "National Regulation," and Walker D. Hines, vice president of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, who spoke on "Legislative Regulation of Railroad Rates."

Mr. Hines spoke in part as follows:

The Interstate Commerce Commission is neither an expert nor an impartial tribunal, as is proved by its decisions and the action of the courts upon them. It is unnecessary, unwise and unjust to give such a tribunal practically final power over the private capital invested in railroads, as at present the mistakes of the railroad can be adequately corrected in the courts. Under the proposed method, the mistakes of the commission could not be corrected anywhere.

The claim that low rates are due to railroad competition and that as such competition is disappearing the power to reduce rates should be given to the commission is fallacious, because the generally low basis of rates is due to the competition between markets and between products, and to the fact that economical railroad management necessitates constantly increasing the volume of traffic, and these conditions are bound to continue.

Some members of the commission argue that rates ought to be reduced, but they have not exercised the authority they have to put that view into effect. However, despite the increase as in volume of traffic and in efficiency of machinery, railroad net earnings are diminishing and the cost per ton per mile is increasing. Although traffic conditions are not likely to permit increased returns, still as an abstract proposition the railroads undoubtedly have the right to share in the general prosperity when all other services and commodities increase in price.

The third session of the association was held this afternoon. Professor John B. Clark, of Columbia University, delivered an adress on "The Dynamics of the Wages Question." A discussion followed, after which the convention adjourned until Monday.

BOLD BANK BURGLARS.

Robbed the Bank at Union, Mo., of $15,000—Building Completely Wrecked.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 27.—The bank at Union, Mo., was robbed of $15,000 in a sensational manner by burglars between 1 and 2 A. M. to-day, according to a special to the *Post-Dispatch*.

Residents in the vicinity of the bank were aroused by the sound of an explosion and some of them rushed into the street. The burglars, then leaving the bank, opened fire at random and were successful in intimidating the would-be captors until they had made their escape in safety.

Oscar Busch, a hardware man, who put his head out of a window only to be confronted with the muzzle of a pistol, states that only two men left the bank. Other accounts place the number of burglars at seven.

With the departure of the robbers an examination of the vaults was made. It was discovered that all the money was gone. The building was completely wrecked. No clue to the robbers, who are believed to be professionals, has been discovered.

NEW YORK BANKS.

Statement of Averages for Five Days of the Week Just Closed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The statement of averages of the clearing house banks for the five days of this week shows:

Loans $875,321,500, decrease $539,800. Deposits $965,953,600, decrease $1,902,400. Circulation $45,656,400; increase $40,700. Legal tenders $69,293,300, increase $1,214,300. Specie $153,744 300, decrease $3,234,300. Reserve $223,037,600, decrease $2,020,000. Reserve required $216,488,400, decrease $475,600. Surplus $6,549,200, decrease $1,544 400. Ex-U. S. deposits $16,596,800, decrease $1,546,300.

FROST IN FLORIDA.

Feared That Orange Trees Have Been Killed or Badly Hurt.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., December 27. Last night was the coldest of the season so far, the thermometer reaching 24 here and 30 at Tampa, with a killing frost. It is feared that young orange trees are killed or badly hurt as the previous warm weather had kept sap in the upper limbs. There is considerable fruit yet in groves and in some sections that may be harmed considerably.

TO FIGHT TOBACCO TRUST.

Independent Cigar Dealers to Hold a Convention January 15th.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Independent cigar dealers from all over the country will hold a convention here January 15th, to discuss way and means of fighting the so-called tobacco trust. The plan is to form a national association with headquarters in Chicago. The convention is expected to make a close combination with the trade unions—in particular the cigar makers and tobacco workers unions.

A Frightened Horse,

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy, and there is none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25 cents, at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

COLLISION ON THE GRAND TRUNK R. R

Loss of Life is Twenty-five; the Injured Number Considerably More.

MANY OF THESE MAY DIE.

Pacific Express and a Freight Came Together—A Dreadful Crash—Baggage Car Telescoped Smoker—The Dead Terribly Mutilated.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LONDON, ONT., Dec. 27.—The most frightful railroad accident in the annals of the past decade happened a short distance from the little station of Wanstead, on the Sarnia branch of the Grand Trunk railway, last night.

The trains in collision were the Pacific Express and a freight. The express was running nearly two hours late and was making fast time. The freight was endeavoring to make a siding to get clear of the express, but failed by a minute or two. There was a dreadful crash, the locomotives reared up and fell over in a ditch, the baggage car of the express telescoped the smoker and in an instant shrieks and cries of the wounded and the dying filled the air. The loss of life is twenty-five. The injured will number considerably more, and many of these may die. Many of the dead were terribly mutilated. Heads were cut off, legs were wrenched from bodies, and the level stretch of snow became crimson with the blood of the victims.

The responsibility for the accident has not been definitely fixed, but it is believed to have been due to a telegraph operator's error. The operator at one of the stations where the two trains stopped gave an order to the freight to pass No. 5, the Pacific Express, at Wanstead. In the system of the Grand Trunk, this order should have been duplicated, a copy being given to the conductor and engineer of the express. Instead of this the conductor of the express received a clearance order, telling him to run right through. The freight train meantime had stopped at Wanstead to side-track, and was telescoped by the express. The blinding storm which was raging rendered objects invisible at the distance of a few feet. The operator at Wanstead is not usually on duty at night, but last evening happened to be in the office for a short time. He was going out at the door when he heard the telegraph instrument click repeatedly the message "Stop No. 5," "Stop No. 5." Seizing a lantern the operator dashed for the door, and as he closed it behind him he heard the crash of the collision up the track. There was not a house at hand to which the injured could be carried. Fortunately, however, the two Pullman cars on the train did not sustain any damage. These were warm and comfortable, and were converted into a temporary hospital. The injured were placed in the berths and everything possible was done to ease their sufferings.

The Pacific Express which was late and endeavoring to make up time was made up of two Pullman cars, two day coaches and two baggage cars. The engineer opened wide his throttle as he pulled out of Watford at 9:58 o'clock. A blizzard was raging and the air was thick with swirling snow. The train was crowded with people returning from holiday trips.

Number 5 was running fully fifty miles an hour through the blizzard when at the Wanstead siding the head light of the freight engine loomed up through the snow. It was impossible to see a hundred feet ahead because of the snow, and the trains crashed together almost before the engine crews realized that a collision was imminent. The impact threw the two engine clear of the track on the right hand side.

The two day coaches of the express were between the heavily loaded baggage cars and the weighty Pullmans. With a terrific grinding crash the rear baggage car was driven into the coach for three-fourths of its length and in a twinkling a score of occupants were dead and two score more were pinned down in the wreckage, crushed and mangled. The horror of fire was mercifully spared the suffering persons buried in the wreck. A little flame broke out, but the uninjured passengers extinguished it with snow before it could gain any headway. The occupants of the two Pullman cars and the second day coach swarmed out of their cars to the rescue. A perfect bedlam of noises greeted them. The hiss of escaping steam from the wrecked engines mingled with the piteous cries of the unfortunates pinned down in the ruins. The bitter cold wind and snow added to their suffering. Volunteer rescue parties were immediately formed and did heroic work.

Meanwhile a brakeman had rushed through the storm to the telegraph office and notified both London and Sarnia officials of the accident. Relief trains with surgeons and wrecking cars were on their way to the scene from both ends of the division in the shortest possible time. While they were steaming at the greatest speed, the work of rescue was carried on by the uninjured passengers. They delved into the heap of debris and guided by the moans and cries found the sufferers, pried and chopped them out and carried them to the two Pullman cars, which were transformed into temporary hospitals.

Tenderly the wounded forms were carried to the hospital cars and given what attention was possible before the surgeons arrived. There was scarcely any water to be had and the volunteer nurses melted quantities of snow with which they slaked the feverish thirst of the suffering.

The surgeons on board the wrecking train from Sarnia were the first to reach the scene. They hastened around the wreck through a snow-covered field to the temporary hospitals and began emergency dressings of the most serious wounds. The men of the wrecking crew took up the work of rescue. With their appliances they were able to penetrate deeper into the tangle of wood and steel and extract those whom the passengers had been unable to reach. While they were at work the wrecking train arrived from London with surgeons. As soon as it was positively known that all the injured had been found an engine was coupled to the hospital Pullmans and the pitiful journey to London forty miles away was begun.

Russell Quinn, of Chicago, whose hands were badly scalded, said in describing the collision:

"I can hear the crash yet. Instantly everything was pitch dark. When the crash came I was just about to go to sleep. In less time than it takes to think a single thought, it seemed, I was occupying the best part of two seats. My legs were in one seat and my body in the other. I lay across the back of a seat and could not move. There were three men on top of me and they were like myself unable to stir. I yelled to them to get off me, but it was all in vain. Partly across them again lay the body of a poor old woman. I do not not know who she was, but I know she was dead. Blood flowed from her wounds in a great stream. The men above me received most of the flow and one of the men was nearly choked to death by it.

"My luck was to have the steam pipe beside me burst. Both my hands were held against the escaping steam. Struggle as I would I could not free them and I thought I was going to be cooked to death, or at least a part of me, for while my hands were held against the jagged end of the broken pipe my body was perishing in the awful cold."

Opiates were administered to the injured to lessen their agonies, aggravated as they were by the unavoidable jarring and jerking of the car.

As soon as news of the wreck was received in London the Grand Trunk officials began arrangements for caring for the injured at Victoria Hospital, on South street. The tracks of the Detroit and Lake Erie railroad are within a block and a half from the hospital and the hospital car was transferred to them and run as closely as possible to the hospital. Twenty extemporized ambulances were in waiting. Strong arms carried the wounded and torn people tenderly out of the car and they hurried to the hospital. It was 5:30 o'clock when they arrived and in an hour all had been put to bed temporarily, awaiting examination and surgical treatment. Until noon the surgeons worked over them.

Eddie Baus, of Prescott, Ont., and Lottie Lynch, of Port Huron, Mich., died soon after they were received at the hospital. Several of the lesser injured persons left the hospital this afternoon. To-night all those still there are expected to recover, although internal injuries or failure to recover from the awful shock may result fatally in one or two cases.

When the second Pullman car arrived in the city at 10 o'clock it was met with undertakers' wagons instead of ambulances. Twenty-five bodies were in the berths behind closed curtains. The dead forms were placed in coffins and then removed to the morgue, where the work of identification was begun. At 10 o'clock to-night only one unclaimed and unknown body still remained at the Ferguson morgue.

To-night at Watford, Dr. A. E Harvey, county coroner, impanelled a jury to investigate the wreck and decide if possible on its cause. After electing a foreman the jury adjourned until Monday, when the investigation will be begun. Up to a late hour to-night Andrew Carson, the operator at Watford, whose mistake Train Master Price says caused the wreck, had not been placed under arrest. Conductor McAuliffe, of the Express, said to-day that the freight train crew had opened the Wanstead switch and the train had started to move into it when the collision occurred. A minute or two more and the freight train would have been safely side-tracked. Trainmaster Price says that $10,000 will cover the loss to rolling stock and equipment. The line was cleared soon after noon and to-night the shell of the baggage car lies on one side of the track, surrounded by the wreckage of the telescoped day coach. On the other side, the two engines are piled in a heap.

CARDINAL GIBBONS IN AN ELEVATOR ACCIDENT.

At the Hotel Schenley in Pittsburg, Pa. The Cage Suddenly Gave Way—The Cardinal Uninjured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 27.—While Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Ryan of Philadelphia, and other leading churchmen were descending in an elevator at the Hotel Schenley to-night to meet about three hundred representative Pittsburg citizens, the cage suddenly gave way and the occupants started downward at a rapid pace Fortunately, the drop was but twenty feet and none of those in the cage were injured. Great excitement prevailed, however, as the crash of the elevator when it struck the ground floor was heard all over the building and the guests all rushed to the elevator shaft. Cardinal Gibbons was one of the first to leave the partly wrecked cage. He promptly assured those present that he was uninjured as were all those who made the downward trip. The concussion resulted in the elevator breaking the lighting pipes at the bottom of the shaft and caused the reception for a time to be held while each guest held a candle. The operator stated that the power seemed to have given out, and this caused the sudden descent.

Cardinal Gibbons arrived from Baltimore to-day to take part in the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Passionist Fathers of the United States, which begins to-morrow and will last several days. He was met at the Baltimore and Ohio station by a committee of prominent churchmen and escorted to the Passionist monastery, where he will remain during his stay in Pittsburg.

Among those who will assist in the celebration is Right Rev. Leo Haid, Chief of the order of the Society of Benedictines and Vicar Apostolic of North Carolina.

MARTINIQUE'S VOLCANO.

Most Pelee in Violent Eruption, Throwing Out Clouds of Dust and Smoke.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., Dec. 27.—The cable ship Newington, which arrived at Lucia, B. W. I., yesterday, reported having passed Mont Pelee, Island of Martinique, at 10:30 in the morning. The volcano was then in violent eruption. Dense clouds of grey smoke and dust were pouring out of the crater and ascending to an enormous height. Other advices say that the cone was luminous during the night.

The three-masted schooner Harry Prescott, from Brunswick, Ga., for New York, with lumber, went ashore on the shoals at Little Beach, N. J. The crew of the life saving station rescued the crew. It is thought the vessel can be floated.

Sixty-five thousand acres of timber lands lying in Northwest Alabama, near the Mississippi line, have been sold to a syndicate of New York, Massachusetts and Wisconsin capitalists headed by F. R. Webber, of Boston. The price paid was in excess of $100,000.

One white man was fatally injured at Atlanta last night in the wreck of a College Park trolley car, which left the track and crashed into a brick building near West End. Seven other white people were injured but not seriously. Six colored passengers also sustained slight injuries.

J. A. Abernethy, of Lincolnton, N. C., has sold the Lincoln cotton mills to R. C. G. Love, of Gastonia, N. C., for $300,000. The plant is one of the pioneer fine yarn mills of that section.

Anways Croup Syrup is pleasant to give baby; cures coughs, colds and croup. Guaranteed. The only remedy made for babies coughs exclusively. Don't risk the ordinary coughs cures, they are dangerous to give baby. Robt. R. Bellamy sells Anways.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE NOW IN PROGRESS.

Between the European Allied Powers, Venezuela and the United States.

IN REGARD TO ARBITRATION.

Position of the United States Government Just Now is That of Good Friend to All—Terms of Agreement in Fair Way to be Settled.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—There is now in progress an active exchange of notes between the allied powers, Venezuela and the United States respecting the method of submitting to arbitration the issues which have arisen between Venezuela and the allies. Questions are being put and answers are forthcoming, but it is said that the negotiations are in such shape that it would be extremely injudicious and indiscreet to make each phase public if there really existed a desire to reach a satisfactory settlement.

It is explained at the State Department that the part of the United States government just now is that of "good friend" to all parties; that it is not undertaking to draw up protocols, or impose limitation upon the parties, but is confining its offices to getting them together and keeping them so. In this view it will not be necessary for our government to prescribe how the Monroe Doctrine shall or shall not figure in the protocols; it will judge for itself by results how our interests are affected and will not indulge in premature or uncalled for protests. As for the terms of the arbitration agreement, it is stated that they are in a fair way to be speedily adjusted, but nothing can be said of the details. It is presumed that the allies will agree to terminate the blockade, though no stipulation has been entered into on that point. Nothing has been heard recently of the part to be taken by the United States Minister Bowen in final settlement, and it begins to appear that after all Venezuela, will probably be represented by one of her people.

Germany Disappointed

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The German government is disappointed by President Roosevelt's declination to be arbitrator in the Venezuelan dispute, but in pursuance of his decision will correspond at once with Great Britain and Italy on the subsidiary questions that must now be agreed upon, such as raising the blockade and the definite form of request whereby Venezuela on one side and Germany, Great Britain and Italy on the other, will ask The Hague tribunal to adjust the dispute.

The interchange of views on these and other requirements probably will take place at Washington, where the ambassadors can confer freely with Secretary Hay and obtain through him President Castro's assent to the precise propositions. The German foreign office considers Washington a convenient place for further negotiations. Foreign Secretary Von Richthofen regrets the long delay which is likely to ensue before the final adjustment of the controversy. He had relied upon President Roosevelt's personality to take up the case and reach a decision quickly.

Great Britain and Italy.

ROME, Dec. 27.—Ambassador Meyer to-day presented to the Foreign Office President Roosevelt's note on the subject of Venezuelan arbitration. The President says that although he is very much gratified at the confidence the Powers have shown in him by choosing him as arbiter, which position he would have accepted if there were no other means of solving the question, he thinks it better to submit the case to The Hague tribural, especially as all the Powers concerned are willing. The President adds that as there is no question of national honor or cession of territory involved, after thorough consideration and in accord with all the Powers concerned who have shown an honorable spirit of mutual consideration and moderation, he is glad to be informed that they all have agreed to submit the question to The Hague tribunal.

LONDON, December 27.—The Foreign Office officials say a note from Secretary Hay, similar to those presented at Rome and Berlin, has been received here. Nothing has yet been decided regarding the cessation of the blockade or the terms of the arbitration.

WARM WIRELETS.

The New York banks were engaged yesterday in arranging the heaviest January disbursements ever financed in this country. It is believed that about $150,000,000 will be paid.

The Seaboard Air Line Railway has awarded a contract to the South Baltimore Car Works for the building of one thousand freight cars of 60,000 pounds capacity each. Deliveries are to begin in March next.

A snow slide struck the bunk house of the Mollie Gibson mine, ten miles from Lake Kootnay, British Columbia, Christmas night, razing the building. It is believed to have killed nine men and injured several others.

The Dowager Empress of China and Lieutenant General Miles exchanged flattering speeches at yesterday's audience, the dowager assuring the general that the "success of the American army was assured under a commander so celebrated."

A fast passenger train on the Illinois Central, bound for Cincinnati from New Orleans, crashed into a work train at Caneyville, eighty-four miles from Louisville, Ky. Three train men were instantly killed and two injured.

Sanders, a negro aged 21, after accepting the hospitality of a woman near Hodges, in Greenwood county, S. C., charged her with stealing $1.50 from him. Upon her refusing to surrender it, he got a shotgun and fired twice, killing her instantly. He was arrested and lodged in jail.

The "Good Intent" Dry dock at Algiers, opposite New Orleans, sunk yesterday. It is not believed the dock can be again floated. It was built thirty-five years ago and cost originally $98,000; but many thousands have since been spent in improvements upon it.

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LYNCHING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Negro Man and His Wife Hanged by a Mob for the Brutal Murder of a White Farmer Near Greenwood.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 27.—A special to the *News and Courier* from Greenwood, S. C., says:

W. K. Jay, a prominent young farmer of the Troy section of this county, was foully murdered in his own yard by a negro, Oliver Wideman, or his wife; both of them living on the place. Both of the negroes were lynched by Jay's infuriated neighbors.

Mr. Jay, on returning home on Friday afternoon, heard Wideman abusing or fighting his (Wideman's) wife. He went to the cabin and ordered the negroes to be quiet. Immediately afterward, Mrs. Jay heard the report of a gun and saw the two negroes running away. Calling for her husband she had no answer and on looking over the yard found him dead in a pool of his own blood. Almost his entire head had been blown off.

The alarm was given and parties were soon scouring the country in pursuit of the negroes. They were captured. Before the coroner's jury both acknowledged the deed, but the man said the woman did it, and the woman accused the man. They never changed from this but died accusing each other of the crime. While in the custody of a constable on the way to jail they were stopped at the Winterseat Bridge, by a crowd of infuriated friends and neighbors of Jay and both negroes were lynched. The lynching took place about midnight, seven hours after the inquest.

W. K. Jay was a good citizen and prominent Mason, having been a high official in the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

Fire at Athens, Tenn., desroyed the three-story hardware store of Bayless & Moore and several adjoining mercantile establishments. The total loss is $50,000.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

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For Sale at Cost—Welsbach Lights. Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co. dec 28 1t

Notice is hereby given that I will apply at the next meetings of the Board of Aldermen and County Commissioners for License to retail liquor at No. 130 North Water street. J. W. Smith, formerly Ralford & Smith. dec 28 1t*

Millinery Training School — I propose teaching a limited number of pupils the art of millinery, consisting of Frame Work, Body Work, the artistic Blending of Colors, etc. All who wish to avail themselves of this opportunity please apply at once. Terms $10 00 per course, month of January, 1903. I will also do private trimming after the 1st of January, 1903. Room No. 14 Masonic Temple. Night course Mr. Madame L Connelly, No. 7 South Fourth street, Wilmington, N. C. nov 30 1m su

Grocery Business for Sale—Because unsuited to my taste. I will sell at cost a clean stock of Groceries and transfer lease on one of the best corners in city. Grocer, care STAR. dec 23 tf

Notice—The tug-boat LaChiquita having been sold by J. L. Russ to Peter Simpson, all persons having claims against said boat will present them to me within thirty days from the date of this notice. This the 18th day of December, 1902. Robert G. Grady. dec 19 30t

Wanted—A trustworthy gentleman or lady in each county to manage business for an old established house of solid financial standing. A straight, bona fide weekly salary of $18.00 paid by check each Wednesday with all expenses direct from headquarters. Money advanced for expenses. Manager, 350 Caxton Bldg, Chicago. dec 3 1m

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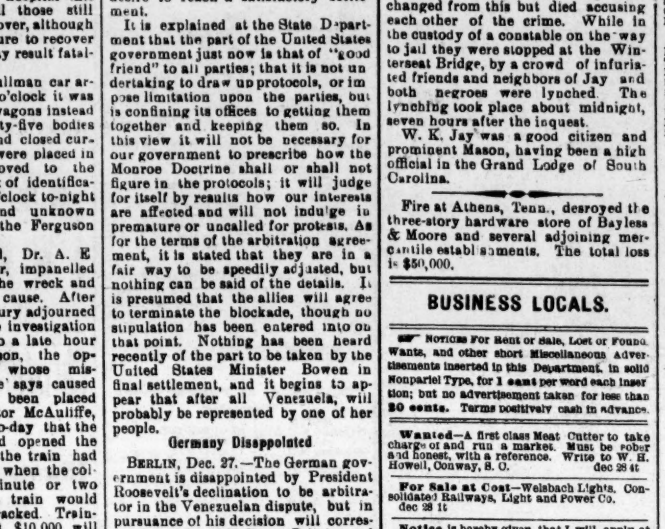

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(Incorporated by the State of New York)

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1901.

ASSETS.

United States, City and Railroad Bonds and Stocks	$ 38,712,770 00
Bonds and Mortgages	24,600 875 15
Real Estate	10,175,788 61
Cash	2,227 094 21
Loans to Policy-holders	1 177 90 60
Premiums deferred and in course of collection (net)	9,32 90 40
Accrued Interest, Rents, etc	478 848 98
	$74 771,758 76

LIABILITIES.

Reinsurance Fund and Special Reserve	$ 69 706 419 00
All other Liabilities	1 086 , 73
Capital and Surplus	9 9 8 33 48
	$74 771,758 76

COMPARISONS, ETC.

Income in 1901	$ 28 917 '63 89
Gain over 1901	4 213.9 6 73
Assets in 1901	74.7 1.7 5 6
Increase for the Year	13,61 1 794 43
Surplus in 1901	9 8 ,5 , 43
Gain for the Year	1,194 ,95 53
New Insurance Accepted and Issued in 1901 as follows:	
Industrial Department	$296,916 312 00
Ordinary Department	84,334 34, 00 380 94' '61 00
Number of Policies in force Dec. 31, 1901	6 384 308
Total Outstanding Insurance, Dec. 31 1901	1 076,97 3 4 00
Net Gain in Number of Outstanding Policies for the Year	7 0 945
Net Gain in Insurance in Force for the Year	153 099 987 00
Number of Policy-Claims paid in 1901 (Averaging one for every minute and a half of each business day of eight hours each)	91 9 4
Amount Paid on the Above (Averaging nearly $75 a minute for each business day of eight hours each)	10 736 192 15
Policy Claims, Dividends and Surrender values paid Policy-holders in 1901	1/206 90 40
Number of Policy Claims paid last five years	30 0 6
Paid Policy-holders since organization, plus amount now invested for their security	180 870 221 84

The Daily Average of the Company's Business during 1901 was:
- 382 per day in Number of Claims paid.
- 6,.72 per day in Number of Policies Issued.
- $1 9'3 09 93 per day in New Insurance written.
- $75 617 8 per day in Payments to Policy-Holders and addition to Reserves.
- $41 492 51 per day in Increase in Assets.

GROWTH IN TEN-YEAR PERIODS.

YEAR.	INCOME FOR THE YEAR.	ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	SURPLUS AT END OF YEAR	NO. POLICIES IN FORCE, END OF YEAR	YEAR.
Dec 31, 1891	$ 9'8 '8 84	$ 1,3'6 886 06	$ 3'8 933 06	1891 196 678	1891
Dec. 31, 1891	1' 493,496 6'	18 1 1,626,918 21	18 3, 8 893 '8	1891 2,251 640	1891
Dec. 31, 1901	38 17 16 3 59	1901 74 7 1,758 7	1901 9,9 8 '80 41	1901 6,,84 3'9	1901

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nov 28 tf S. W. NOBLE.

We Come With New Year's Greetings.

The year of 1902 is drawing to a close We trust it has been as pleasant and profitable to you as it has been to us.

Our Christmas trade was phenomenal; it broke all records of the past. Our whole year's business was unusually good. We are now facing the year 1903 and have already been making preparations for the year's business. The rush is over, but our stock is not broken. We anticipated a big trade and bought accordingly.

We have just received a nice line of new Black Beaver Hats, very stylish, at $2.75 each. Also a nice line of Scratch Felt Hats, in black and all colors; at 69c each. We have an extensive line of Ready-to-wear Hats that we are selling for 50c, 69c, 89c and $1 19, which is about 50 per cent. of actual value.

In new Ribbons we have just received a large shipment, in all colors. Beautiful Glazed Taffetta Ribbons, in Nos. 5 and 7, at 5c per yard; Nos. 9 and 12, at 8c per yard; Nos. 16 and 22, at 10c per yard; No. 40, at 15c per yard; No. 60, at 20c per yard; and No. 80, at 25c per yard. Satin and Taffetta Ribbons are from 5c to 35c per yard.

In Ladies' Hats we have a big lot to sell at 25c each, regardless of cost or quality; all shapes and colors, and all this year's goods.

Our Cloak Department has had an immense success this season. We have bought several large shipments of Cloaks at almost half price, and we have on hand a very nice and extensive line. Nicely lined and well made Beaver Coats at $3 50. The latest Monte Carlo Coats at $5, and the best $10 Monte Carlos are going at $7 50 each.

In ladies and children underwear we have just received quite a nice shipment. Ladies' red and white flannel vests and pants of all kinds and in all sizes for 75 cents, 85 cents and $1 each Ladies' bleached ribbed vests at 25 cents each. Just received a large shipment of samples in needlewear which represents one and two of a kind of anything you can call for, which we are selling at about first cost; we make our profits in the discounts. Vests and pants in this lot run from 10 cents to $2.25 each.

We have also received 120 dozen of sample hosiery, all colors and prices from 5 cents to 25 cents a pair.

We have children's hose in all sizes from 5 cents to 25 cents; we have an immense stock of ladies and gentlemen's hosiery; our line of Shamrock hosiery for ladies are the best value to be had, sell for 12½ cents, 15 cents and 25 cents a pair.

Men's ½ wool socks at 10 cents a pair; all wool at 15 cents. The finest 25 cents cashmere hose are selling at 20 cents.

Embroidery, we have about 8,000 yards bought at a low down price. Good embroidery with a lot of work for 4c. Very good value at 5c., and 15c value we are selling at 10c. Our corset stock has just been replenished. Just received 30 doz. R. & G. corsets to sell for 50. 75, and $1. The long hip corset for $1.25. Our B. C. N. corset cannot be matched in any retail store in the city, we buy them in solid case lots and can sell you a 75c corset for 50c.

Our Kalamazoo Corsets in blue and white and pink and white and all white, are well shaped and good values, running at 25c. Regular 50c Corsets for 39c.

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Ladies' heavy Capes, nicely trimmed, in fur and made of Beaver cloth, all new goods, $1.50 and $1.75 each; 50 cents less than cost.

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In our Clothing Department we have 500 nice Clothes Brushes to give away, one with each suit sold.

If you are thinking of having your photo enlarged, we represent the Argo Mfg. Co., of Chicago, who make oil paintings for us. We give an Argo oil painting free with every $20 cash purchase, when you buy the frame from us.

With best wishes for a happy New Year.

The Big Racket Store.

P. S.—For Sunday School Christmas Trees we have lots of nice Toys left on hand. Plenty of Toys and China Bric-a-brac. dec 28 tf

January 2, 1903,

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